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THE "INVASION" OF HONGKONG. FORCES LAND AND MEET DEFENDERS.

FIERCE "BATTLE" RAGES ROUND HEADQUARTERS.

AEROPLANES TAKE PART

"Battle" raged on the island of Hongkong in the early hours of this morning, when forces of artillery and infantry repulsed invading parties who attacked the island by sea, land and air.

Fortunately the battle was not the severe engagement that the noise of bursting shells about Repulse Bay to-day seemed to indicate. The artillery fired only a few rounds of blank, while the most harmful ammunition let loose by the naval and infantry units were Verrey light flares.

Nevertheless, the engagement gave an indication of how Hongkong would be defended against attacking forces in time of war, and was most interesting to the soldiers and sailors who took part in the struggle.

Our special representative who attended the manoeuvres by permission of the G.O.C., gives impressions of the events below.

ATTACKERS' CASUALTIES VERY HIGH.

A stranger landing in Hongkong yesterday afternoon and witnessing the disembarkation of troops brought from the barracks at Kowloon, would have thought that the days of the Great War were with us again. He would have seen infantrymen in full field equipment, machine gun parties with their deadly weapons, and strong forces of artillery with mountain pieces for assembling on the hills of the Colony.

Fortunately, however, this very realistic scene was nothing more than training. The whole of yesterday's well-thought-out scheme resulted in no more than three casualties, and these very minor ones. However, anyone who witnessed the day's events must have been struck by the fact that war to-day is a very nasty affair, and must have been thankful that the artillery and the Lewis gunners were satisfied to fire nothing but blank rounds.

Of Great Value.

From a military point of view the manoeuvres were of the greatest value, as they gave a clear indication of the manner in which Hongkong might be defended in the event of attack by powerful forces. Actually there was not a very strong defending force on the island, and they relied mostly on machine guns and the accurate fire of their artillery.

The attackers, on the other hand, had the advantage of heavy guns on board their cruisers and destroyers.

Quick Work.

The greater part of yesterday was devoted to getting the defending forces into position. These forces consisted of sections of the S.L.L., and the H.K. & S. Royal Artillery with mountain guns. One could not help admiring the manner in which the latter troops assembled the parts of their artillery into a most dangerous whole, after they had been transported from their barracks at Kowloon, disembarked and shipped into lorries at Hongkong, and taken a long way up the hillsides.

The Indian soldiers proved themselves ideally suited for the kind of warfare Hongkong would be likely to experience in the event of attack, and were a credit to their officers and N.C.O.s.

Following their disembarkation at Hongkong, the infantry and artillery were transported to their position in buses, a fleet of which were at the disposal of the transport officers. This was done in a most efficient manner, and within a very short time of their landing, the men were packed into the buses and whisked away to their posts.

Long Vigil.

By 4.30 p.m., the whole of the defending forces were in position, and then commenced the long wait for the attack. The officers were

CANTON TENSION INCREASES.

RUMOURS OF CHIANG COMING SOUTH.

AERIAL BATTLE EXPECTED ON THE WEST RIVER.

BLOCKADE CONTINUES.

According to advices received in Hongkong this morning, the situation in Canton at present is quiet.

Reports from other sources are to the effect that the atmosphere in Canton is more tense than for some time past, but that the officials are still confident.

Conditions at Samshui are unchanged. Planes are still active along the North River, where further bomb-dropping is reported.

Aerial Battle Soon?

Canton, Dec. 5. According to Chinese reports, tension both on the West River and in Northern Kwangtung has increased with the simultaneous occurrence of military activity near Samshui and at Yantam and Kwantin.

Canton Military Headquarters has announced its intention to open an offensive on the Ironsides and Kwangsi forces to-morrow, when a fleet of gunboats and a squadron of aeroplanes will all be in action assisting the land forces.

In some quarters it is believed that Kwangtung will soon witness the first real aerial battle on the West River, when two new aeroplanes purchased by General Li Chung-yen will probably be in operation against the Cantonese planes. These French aeroplanes are said to have arrived at Wuchow from Lungchow, and Mr. Lin Wei-shing, formerly of the Canton Aerodrome, is understood to have received an appointment by the Kwangsi Government to act as pilot, assisted by others.

Blockade Continues.

Wanchow vessels are still lying idle in Hongkong, with no immediate prospect of returning to the West River. Rather than to remain inactive, however, at least one vessel has been running to Canton the last few days and the owners of others are seriously thinking of doing the same.

The Harbour Master, the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., has just issued the following notice: "Information has been received that it has become necessary to extend the time-limit to the blockade on the West River which, according to previous information, was due to terminate on December 5."

The Attack.

Just before dawn broke the attacking forces showed their teeth, and proved how easily big ships can conceal themselves at night. Last night was quite a bright one, but just before dawn broke, the complete blackness enabled the warships to merge into the shadow of the numerous islands off the coast. One section of men was landed right under the eyes of a defending party, the troops being unaware of the presence of the enemy until an umpire drew their attention to them.

With the landing of bluejackets and infantry from the warships, the battle commenced in earnest. The field pieces on the hills boomed out many rounds of blank, while bursting crackers represented machine gun posts amongst the infantry. Here and there parties of bluejackets, in full web equipment and black caps, raced up to take positions from defenders in khaki.

After witnessing the landing one would have thought that the attackers had gained the day, but this was not so. As a young subaltern—his clothing soaked from his plunge from a picket boat into the water—put it: "We were quite all right until the umpires came along and 'killed' 75 per cent. of us."

The Umpires.

The umpires were easily distinguished by large white bands which they wore on their arms. It was their duty to speed about and award points to the men for tactics in attack and defence. On their judgment rests the granting of the "victory," but their decision

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EDISON'S LATEST DISCOVERY.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER FROM A COMMON WEED.

TRADE SCEPTICAL.

New York, Dec. 5. Edison claims to have produced artificial rubber, which can be manufactured at a cost of sixteen cents a pound, from the "Golden Rod," one of the commonest weeds in the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, Dec. 5. Before proceeding to Florida, Edison said that while the "Golden Rod" was found the most satisfactory of the thousands of plants with which he had experimented, no estimate had yet been made as to the possible cost, of the production of synthetic rubber, nor were the commercial possibilities decided. Prominent rubber merchants are sceptical regarding "Golden

SERIOUS THREAT ON ICHANG.

Preparations for Withdrawal of Foreigners.

NATIONALIST DEFEAT?

Latest information regarding the operations of anti-Government forces in the region of Ichang includes a report that the Nationalist troops sent to repel the rebels have been defeated, and that the rebellious forces are advancing on Ichang. Preparations have in the meantime been made to withdraw the British, American and Japanese residents from Ichang in case the necessity arises.

Rubber and do not think the product is likely to affect the crude rubber market.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[Edison has been experimenting with synthetic rubber for several years and in 1927, despite a report that scientists in the Dutch East Indies had perfected a system of bud grafting of rubber trees which it was claimed would quadruple the annual yield, he declared that he would continue to search for rubber substitutes, saying "I believe enough rubber can be grown in the United States to pull us through any crisis." Mr. A. L. Friedlander, President of the Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Co. expressed confidence three years ago that in time a good synthetic rubber would be produced. At that time he spoke of experiments with corn and potatoes and also of some of the alcohols which were closely related with rubber.]

AMERICA'S INCOME TAX.

REPRESENTATIVES FAVOUR REDUCTION.

Washington, Dec. 5.

The House of Representatives, by 218 votes to 17, passed a resolution providing for a reduction in the income tax yield of \$160,000,000 in accordance with the recommendation of President Hoover when he introduced the Budget for the next fiscal year.

The reduction will be effected by reducing the rate of the income tax by one per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CONGESTION IN THE CHAMBER.

HEROIC MEASURES TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT.

Paris, Dec. 5. The Government has adopted heroic measures to deal with the Parliamentary congestion and submitted as a motion of confidence that the Chamber sit three times a day, including Sundays, until the Budget has been passed. The motion was adopted by 280 votes to 142.—*Reuter.*

OLD RESIDENT'S DEATH.

FORMER MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

PASSING OF SIR GERSHOM STEWART.

WORK IN HONGKONG.

A Reuter cable received in Hongkong this morning announces the death, which occurred yesterday, of Sir Gershom Stewart, K.B.E., who lived in Hongkong for 23 years and was for some years a member of the Legislative Council. He was also President of St. Andrew's Society and Chairman of the local branch of the China Association.

Sir Gershom Stewart was born in 1858 and married in 1904, the daughter of Major W. H. Gresson of the 65th Regiment. He came to the Far East in 1888 to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong. He was active in sporting and social matters and was keenly interested in all things political and otherwise concerning the welfare of the Colony.

After some time with the Hongkong Bank he, together with his brother, the late Mr. Murray Stewart, founded the brokerage firm of Stewart Brothers. The business was started in 1900, Mr. Murray Stewart also leaving the service of the Hongkong Bank.

Opposed Gold Standard.

Later, he became a member of the Legislative Council and then took an even keener interest in the Colony's welfare. He will be remembered by the older residents particularly for his strong opposition to Hongkong having a gold standard of currency while China remained on the silver currency basis. He devoted considerable attention to the currency problems of the Colony and of China, and constantly argued against those who proposed a gold standard for Hongkong.

In 1930 he went into Kwangsi as Secretary to the Famine Relief Fund, raised in the Colony, where he did much useful work and gained an even more extensive knowledge of the country. Another matter upon which he concentrated was the construction of a railway from Kowloon to Canton, at that time mooted but not thoroughly planned. He constantly advocated the building of the line which in later years he saw under construction.

Hongkong's "Member."

He was an active chairman of the Hongkong Branch of the China Association which in his time, was a most energetic association and generally took a very active part in the life of the Colony. As a Scotsman he was president of St. Andrew's Society from 1905 to 1906. When he returned to England in 1906 Sir Gershom did not forget Hongkong. In 1910 he was elected to Parliament in the Unionist interest for the Wirral Division of Cheshire and in the House of Commons often brought the Colony's point of view before the Government. In time Hongkong came to regard him as the Colony's personal representative in the House and there were many feelings of regret expressed locally when he was defeated at the election in December 1923.

Knighted in 1914.

His Knighthood, one of the Baldwin resignation honours was conferred on him for Imperial and Colonial Services in which his connexion with Hongkong loomed largely. A Greenock man, Sir Gershom was 71 years of age at the time of his death.

His passing will be mourned by the residents still here who knew him while in Hongkong and who can undoubtedly testify to his energetic efforts on behalf of the welfare of the Colony. Sir Gershom Stewart lived in Sloane street in London and also had a country residence at Hoylake, Cheshire.

LOWER RE-DISCOUNT RATE.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD ACTION.

San Francisco, Dec. 5. The Federal Reserve Board has lowered the re-discount rate to four and a half per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AUDACIOUS ARMED ROBBERY.

WITHIN A STONE'S THROW OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

PORK DEALER'S LOSS.

An armed robbery of a very daring nature was perpetrated by two men last night, when Cho Shun, a pork dealer of Central Market, residing at 102, Wellington Street, was aroused from his bed and robbed of money and jewellery to the total value of \$302.

The audacity of the raiders is emphasised by the fact that they chose to carry out their nefarious act within a stone's throw of the Central Police Station.

The report of the outrage, as received by the police, is that Cho Shun was sleeping in the front cubicle on the first floor of 102, Wellington Street, when he was awakened at about 10 o'clock by someone pulling the bedclothes off him. He opened his eyes to find

CHINESE LASSIES AS CHAUFFEURS.

Novel Scheme Inaugurated at Shanghai.

POLITENESS ESSENTIAL.

Shanghai, Dec. 6. The Great China Garage is planning to hire pretty Chinese lassies as chauffeurs. They will be attired in smart uniforms, and efficiency and politeness are to be their distinguishing characteristics. Six girls have already applied to the authorities for licences. It is believed that wealthy Chinese patrons, especially the ladies, will favour the innovation.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

two men standing at the foot of his bed, covering him with revolvers.

The intruders seized him, pulled him from his bed and gagged and bound him. After this they proceeded to extract the key of his safe from his clothes and stole no less than \$200.

They then ransacked the room, and finally decamped with the money and some jewellery.

STATE VISIT TO THE VATICAN.

POPE AND KING AND QUEEN EXCHANGE GIFTS.

Vatican City, Dec. 5.

Their Italian Majesties drove in state on a visit to the Pope, the first time that the sovereigns of united Italy have entered the Vatican, thus ending the quarrel which had lasted sixty-nine years.—*Reuter.*

Later. The Pope presented the Queen of Italy with a rosary of gold and precious stones and also a mosaic reproduction of the picture of the Madonna by Raphael. The King of Italy was presented with a coffee designed by Beltrani and four volumes illustrating the Vatican collection of coins. Another gift was that of a case of gold, silver and bronze medals specially struck for the occasion. Their Majesties presented the Pope with an antique pectoral cross studded with jewels and a small crucifix which is a heirloom of the House of Savoy.—*Reuter.*

AIMS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

PROSPEROUS BUSINESS AND ACTIVE LABOUR.

Washington, Dec. 5. "To keep labour busy, wages high and business prosperous" was the Government's aim, declared President Hoover, when he addressed the four hundred delegates, representing nearly all branches of American industry, at a conference, the immediate object of which was to create a permanent organization to co-operate with the Department of Commerce.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHIP ENGULFED BY WAVE.

CROWNING DISASTER OF GALE.

HURRICANE RAGES IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST.

London, Dec. 5. Several lives were lost and widespread damage was done to property on land and sea by the worst storm for many years which swept over the British Isles last night and continued with unabated fury through the greater part of the day.

The hurricane started last night and continued its furious career this morning, straining the streets of towns with sleet and wreckage. The storm affected not only the British Isles but France and Ireland, the most severe ordeals being experienced by shipping on the West Atlantic.

The velocity of the wind over England was always high but in some parts of the country gusts exceeding ninety miles an hour were registered and in many places the wind velocity reached seventy and eighty miles an hour.

Wave Engulfs Steamer.

The storm was accompanied by heavy rains and the flood area considerably increased. Warnings of the approach of bad weather were given by wireless last night and the small vessels remained in harbour but many cargo ships were disabled and passenger ships were heavily buffeted. The P. and O. liner Ranchi, on arrival at Plymouth, reported seas in the English Channel which were the worst encountered for years.

The crowning tragedy of the storm was the foundering of the British steamer Frances Duncan off Land's End. While within sight of watchers on the shore the ship was engulfed by a tremendous wave. She turned turtle and disappeared.

Another British steamer went to her assistance and succeeded in picking up five survivors from the Frances Duncan. The other sixteen members of the crew were not seen and it is presumed that they lost their lives when the vessel foundered.

The Frances Duncan is a two thousand ton steamer owned by the Frances Duncan Steamship Company (J.T. Duncan and Co.). She was built in 1907 by Palmer and Co. Ltd. at Newcastle and has Cardiff for her port of registry. While the wreck of the Frances Duncan was the worst feature of the storm other ships suffered.

Many Ships in Distress.

When the storm was at its height, wireless reports stated that the French steamer Camborne and the British steamers Valencia and Rowanburn were out of control owing to damaged steering gear. The Danish steamer Helene reported her engines completely disabled. Appeals from the Spanish steamer Gecho brought two tugs from Swansea to her assistance. The Swedish motor vessel Balaklava reported hurricane conditions, damaged bridges and flooded cabins amidst ships causing delay. Lifeboats were called out during the day from several stations round the British coast.

Channel Service Held Up.

Two houses in London and several in other towns collapsed during the storm and many cases of trees, hoardings and walls being blown down are reported. The roads in several parts of the country were temporarily blocked by fallen trees and London to Bournemouth railway traffic was delayed three hours owing to a tree which had fallen across the rails.

Flooding of the Suburban Line near New Beckenham, Kent, necessitated the cutting off of the current for the electrical trains. A large number of telephone wires were brought down by the storm. The Newlyn-Diogo steamer service was cancelled, and the Portsmouth-Bournemouth service was diverted via Dover.

Anxiety regarding the floods in the lower reaches of the Thames was expressed in a question to the House of Commons. The Health Minister, Mr. Greenwood, replied that the matter was being dealt with.—*Reuter.*

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HONGKONG RADIO EXHIBITION.

EXCELLENT TRADE DISPLAYS
AT CITY HALL.

OFFICIAL INTEREST.

Hongkong's first radio exhibition was opened at the City Hall last evening by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., who outlined the Government's policy on broadcasting and expressed confidence in the growth of radio interest in the Colony.

Favourable comment was heard on all sides from the many people present at the opening ceremony yesterday. The displays of the local firms exhibiting are notable for their all round excellence. The exhibition is a blaze of colour and light and includes a bewildering array of modern radio apparatus. The response by the local firms compensates in no small measure for the disappointment caused by the lack of response from amateur constructors. The competition organised in the connexion was so poorly supported that it was cancelled and the exhibition confined to the trade exhibits. On the whole, an extremely successful initial effort.

The opening was performed by the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G. Others present were Mr. N. L. Smith (Postmaster General), the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock K.C., the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. L. H. King, Mr. R. Sutherland and other members of the Broadcasting Committee.

The Government's Policy.

Opening the exhibition the Hon. Mr. Southern said:

"It gave me great pleasure to be able to accept the invitation to be here to-day and to perform the opening ceremony of the first radio exhibition in Hongkong, and thereby to show my personal interest in this newest of scientific marvels."

You may perhaps wonder why the Colonial Secretary should be asked to open what is in appearance a purely commercial undertaking, but I venture to think that the promoters realized that the Government has not only a general interest in the success of radio work in Hongkong which it takes in all commercial undertakings, but a very special interest in the increased revenue it will obtain from an increase in the use of receiving sets.

I trust that the various radio dealers who have had the privilege to support this exhibition will reap their just reward in a greatly increased interest in broadcasting and a corresponding boom in the sale of receiving sets. Such a well deserved result would do much to strengthen the hands of the Government in its declared policy of providing, by means of wireless broadcasting, entertainment and instruction which shall be worthy of the Colony.

Public Fund Grants.

As I said just two months ago when I had the honour of inaugurating the new broadcasting studio it will be a long time before broadcasting can hope to be a commercial success in a community of the size and character of Hongkong; but it is obvious that the Government will be justified in providing from the public funds this important addition to the amenities of life exactly in proportion to the support received from the householders of the Colony.

By this I do not wish to imply that Government expenditure on broadcasting must be limited to the amount received from licence fees, but that the taxpayer can more fairly be called upon to contribute to the entertainment of shall we say 10% of the population rather than 1%.

Now broadcasting is still in its infancy in Hongkong but our infant seems to be growing with ever increasing virility. I read yesterday that in twelve months the number of licensed receiving sets had grown from about 100 to

nearly 700, and that the number is still growing. For this encouraging position I feel that all credit must be given to the Broadcasting Committee under the able Chairmanship of Mr. N. L. Smith the Post Master General. I am sure that all listeners-in are under a great obligation to the Committee and will wish me to congratulate it on the success of its arduous labours. Much no doubt remains to be done.

Language Difficulty.

The language difficulty in a bilingual Colony like Hongkong is a very real one, but I know that the Committee is working hard to prepare programmes which will interest the Chinese speaking community. Until we can interest both communities we cannot hope for progress on the lines achieved in Europe and America.

I was greatly interested to read in the Rugby news, itself received by wireless, a few days ago that the number of broadcast licences issued in Great Britain had reached 4,369,000 and that it was hoped that the 8,000,000 mark would be reached very shortly. It will be a very long time before we can hope to reach the same proportion in Hongkong, for it is a far cry from 700 to say 60,000 or 80,000 licences, but the rapidity of the expansion at home may well give us inspiration for our future success here.

Hongkong a Slow Starter.

The peculiar position of Hongkong makes it inevitably a slow starter in some of these modern developments and we need look no further than motoring for an example. I am told that only a few years ago a motor car was looked on in Hongkong as a sign of useless extravagance, and what is the position to-day?

So, I predict it will be with broadcasting. What is to-day the hobby or the luxury of the few will to-morrow be a necessary adjunct of the daily life of us all.

I need not detain you with any remarks on the educational and practical value of broadcasting. You are probably better acquainted with them than I am but I cannot refrain from referring to its immense value as a means of saving life at sea, and would add that there has never been anything else to equal broadcasting in stimulating the appreciation of good music in every walk of life. We cannot in Hongkong provide a Queen's Hall Orchestra for our listeners in but we can and do give them good music and the quality and variety of the programmes will improve as the support of the public increases.

Organisers Congratulated.

Radio exhibitions are an established institution in London and elsewhere. Their object is primarily to increase the interest of the public in this new movement and to show those who know little about it how easy it all is. They appeal also to those who are more expert and who wish to know more of this fascinating and inexpensive hobby; and in this connexion I am glad to see that the organisers of the present exhibition are offering prizes to amateur set makers.

This is Hongkong's first radio exhibition and I am sure that you will agree that it reflects great credit on Mr. Lowcock, who originated the idea, and on his energetic assistants. I hope it will be the precursor of many other similar exhibitions and I have much pleasure in declaring it open.

After the opening ceremony there was a gramophone radio concert from the studio, followed by a Chinese concert and another gramophone programme. During the later hours the exhibition continued to draw large crowds. A similar programme will be followed at the exhibition to-day but there will be a European concert from 9.30 to 11 p.m.

ROUND THE EXHIBITS.

Many Types of Complete
Receivers on the Stands.

The organisers of Hongkong's first radio exhibition have caused

to congratulate themselves on an initial success. Excellent support has been received from the Colony's radio dealers which are of course, comparatively few in number. They have contrived, however, to make a comprehensive display of all kinds of British and American wireless receivers and accessories. Generally speaking the exhibits are very well laid out and some of the stands are notable for their artistic arrangement. Everything necessary for even the most advanced workers is to be found on the stands, while there are receivers available which require no technical knowledge to operate. The exhibiting firms are to be congratulated on a very creditable first effort. Below brief details are given of the apparatus on view at the various stands:

Moutrie and Co. One of the most artistic displays of the exhibition. The background of the display is carried out in black and yellow and there is an excellent display of Victor gramophones and radio receivers. Including the latest models which mark distinct advances.

Canon Trading Association. Loewe equipment is on view here. special interest attaching to the receiver which incorporates six stages of high and three stages of low frequency. Used with a frame aerial it gives excellent results. The popular three in one valve receiver is also on show, together with other Loewe products.

Hongkong Radio Supply Co. The many types of Cosmor valves are on show here, but complete sets and other accessories have not been ignored. There are several interesting loud speakers and the latest models of various radio components.

General Electric Co. of China.—An A. C. mains receiver designed for use on the Hongkong or Kowloon supplies is of special interest here. No batteries are necessary, the valves being worked off the power supply. A particularly neat exhibit with a clever background also includes the new model two and three valve Geophone receivers, which are very reasonably priced and also the Oram Music Magnet. A well arranged display of valves of all types is also included on this stand.

The Marconi Company.—A complete ship's installation is of special interest here. The display also includes a direction finder and a quarter kilowatt transmitter.

Anderson Music Co.—The Columbia-Kolster Viva-Tonal, an electric reproducing gramophone, is displayed. This instrument gets its power from the house current and gives lifelike reproduction. In addition, Columbia portable models are shown on a tastefully arranged stand.

The Union Store.—Short wave receivers are prominent here. Both small and large sets are on view, in addition to a very wide range of accessories.

Rudolf Wolf and Kew Ltd.—Electric and radio gramophone and motors are displayed, together with the products of the Marconiophone Co., Igranje Co., Sydney, S. Bird and Sons and Garnett Whiteley and Co.

The Sun Co. Ltd. A three valve short wave receiver should attract considerable interest here. Long waves sets are also shown, together with many types of loud speakers.

Asiatic American Co.—This stand is largely devoted to the products of the Crossley Company and makes a very neat display of made-up receivers. Some neat stand models strike a new and novel note.

Siemens's China.—Siemens products are neatly arranged here, consisting of made up receivers, latest model loud speakers, etc.

The Sincere Co. An extremely comprehensive exhibit of almost everything in wireless. Prime interest centres in the eight valve all electric screened grid model which incorporates all the latest developments in radio receivers.

DISARMAMENT.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE URGES
CONCRETE ACTION.

London, Dec. 5.

A vigorous speech on the need for accelerating international disarmament was made in the House of Commons last night by Mr. Lloyd George, when an omnibus motion favouring disarmament and co-ordination of the British fighting services in a Ministry of Defence was under discussion.

The Liberal ex-Premier took as his text President Hoover's recent speech, which pointed out that though there was peace in the world to-day, there were also powerful armies, including Reservists, who were the real men who mattered. Mr. Lloyd George contended that the world had ten million more men trained to arms than in 1914, and seventy-five times as many armaments as they could use. He criticised severely the slow progress made by the Disarmament Commission of the League of Nations, and the delay among the Allied Powers in carrying out the disarmament pledges made in the Versailles Treaty.

Without disarmament, war, in his judgment, was inevitable. He added:

30,000,000 Armed Men.

"You are not going to get peace with thirty million armed men in the world and gigantic armaments. The chariot of peace cannot advance along a road cluttered with cannon. You must break up the machinery of hatred and convert it into the mechanism of peace and progress."

Intervening later in a speech by Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Lloyd George admitted that Britain had done more than any other country for disarmament, and had abolished conscription, reduced her army below the pre-war level, and had been the first to reduce her Navy after the Washington Conference.

Sir Samuel Hoare, who was Air Minister in the last Government, compared the relative positions of air armaments of the leading Powers. He stated that expenditure on air forces had risen since 1925 in Italy by twenty-eight per cent, in France by ninety-two per cent, and in the United States by one hundred and twenty-six per cent, exclusive of the cost of civil aviation. In Great Britain it had been lowered by ten per cent.

He thought it might be possible to agree on parity in air strength between Great Britain, France and Italy, but the main thing in all disarmament negotiations was to solve the problem up and secure reductions in more immediately practicable directions.

Replying for the Government, Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, agreed that a grave risk continued so long as the nations refrained from making mutual progress towards disarmament. As long as such reserve of possible and immediate inflammable material existed, so long would there be the constant danger of outbreak of a conflagration. Mr. Alexander said the present Government, in the short period it had existed, had devoted a large portion of its time to the matter of disarmament, and would continue to do absolutely everything in its power to that end.—British Wireless.

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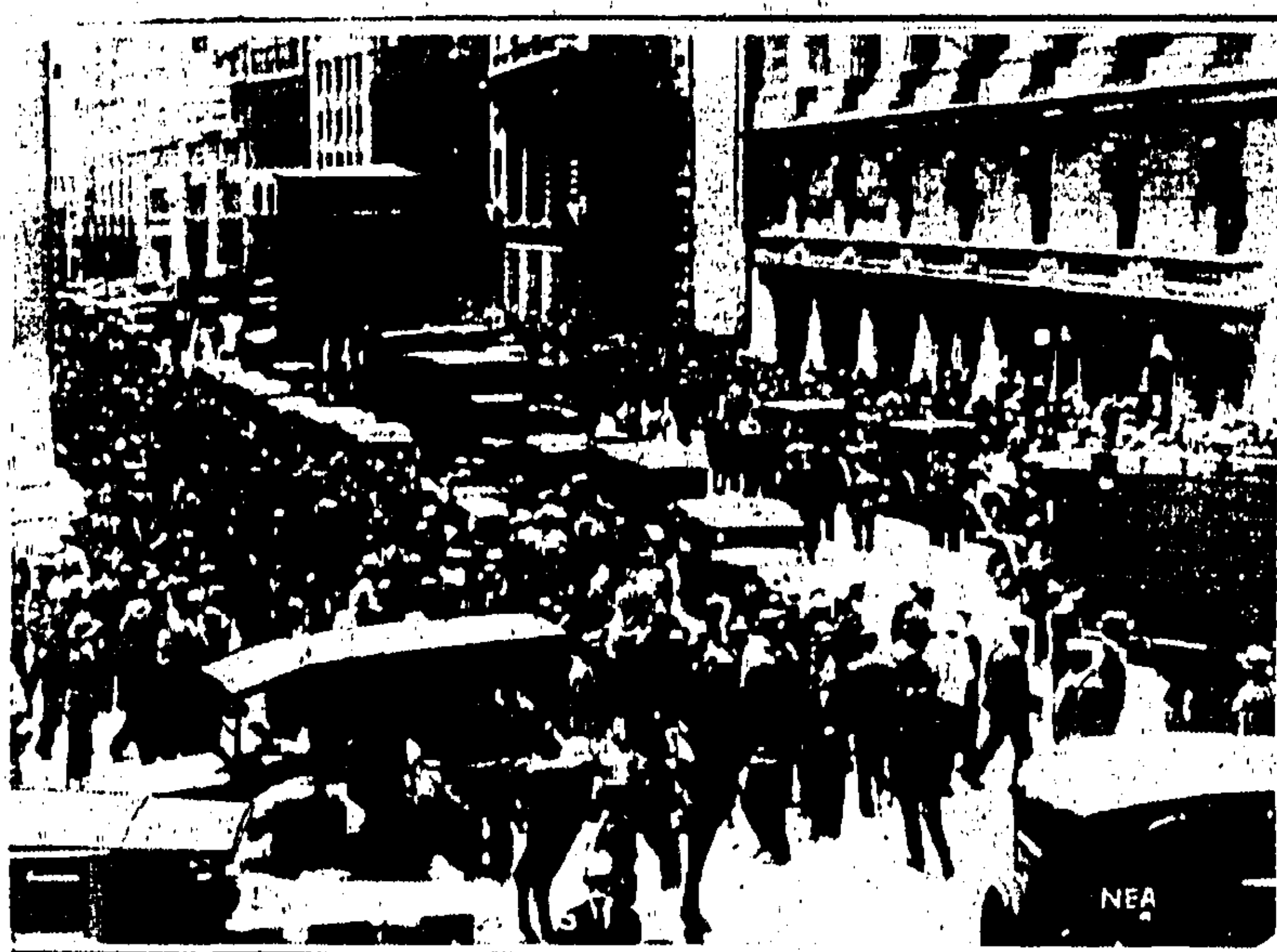
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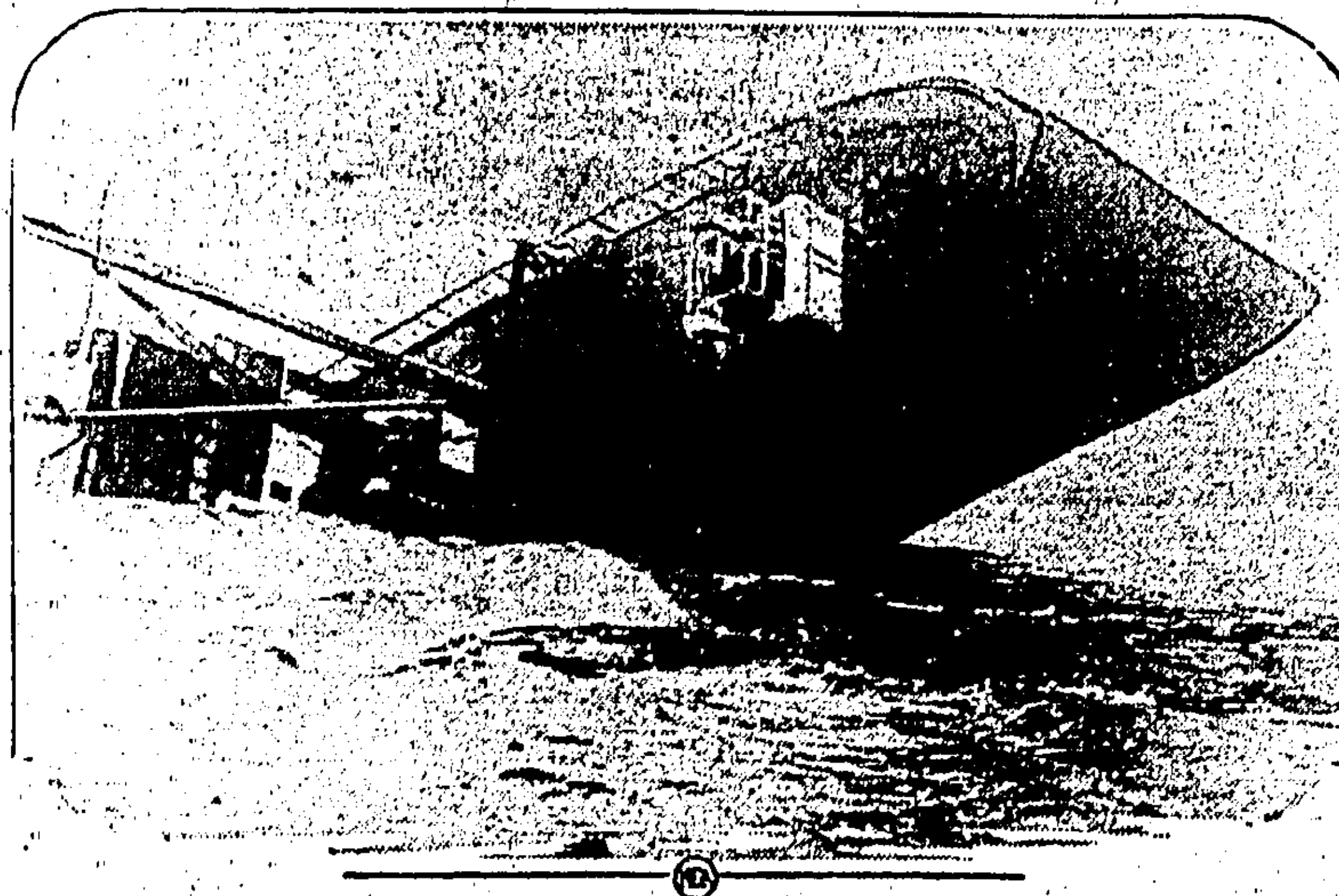
These photos show how Fritz von Opel, wealthy young German scientist, made the world's first flight in a rocket-propelled airplane. Above is von Opel in the cockpit of the original ship, named "Sander Rak I" after its designer, Friedrich W. Sander. Below, with rockets spouting flame and smoke, it is roaring across a field, almost ready to leave the ground. Note the absence of landing wheels, the plane sliding along on a single, central rail under the blunt fuselage. Later, with a ship of similar construction, the daring von Opel, shown in the inset, made a six-mile flight and is planning to cross the English Channel in a rocket-powered plane.



Scene on New York's Wall Street at height of the excitement during the stock crash. On the right is the New York Stock Exchange Building and on the left is the office of J. P. Morgan.



Torrential autumn rains and overflowing stream turned the area about Hialeah, a Miami, Fla., suburb, into a chain of lakes.



Vividly pictured above is a tragedy of the sea which cost 45 lives—the disastrous wreck of the huge steamer Haakon VII off the Norwegian coast.



Photograph taken at the cabaret tea dance given under the auspices of the Entertainment Committee of the British Women's Association in Shanghai.

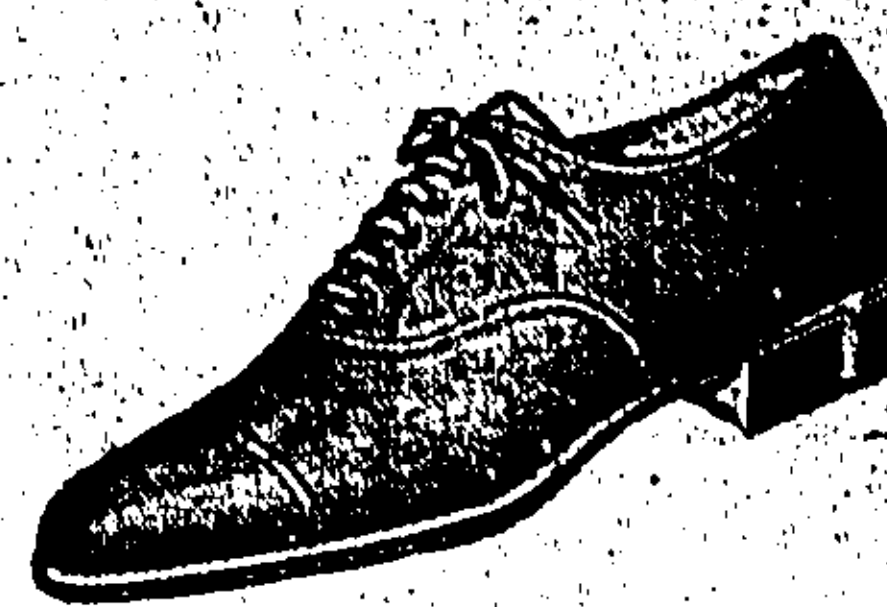


Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the nation's war-time president, is shown here as she was fêted at a garden party in Tokyo. Above, Mrs. Wilson with Baron Yoshio Sakatani, and, at the right, Viscount Eichi Shibusawa, is shown greeting Mrs. Wilson.



Opponents in American politics, Senator David A. Reed, left, and Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, will work together as envoys to the Naval Arms Conference in London.

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New Advertisements

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eleventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 21st day of December, 1929, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1929, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 12th December, 1929, until Saturday, 21st December, 1929, both days inclusive.

With reference to the Notice dated 7th November, 1929, of the Resolution of the Directors to offer to Shareholders Additional Shares in the proportion of one new share for every four existing shares, Shareholders are reminded that such additional shares will be offered only in respect of the existing shares of which they are the actual registered holders at the date of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting, i.e., 21st December, 1929. Due notice will be sent to each Shareholder of the number of additional shares to which he will be entitled.

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Tenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 7th December, 1929, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 6th December, 1929.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.

Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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LEGEND ABOUT MONK BUILDERS.

BUSKFAST ABBEY NOT THEIR UNAIDED WORK.

For nearly 25 years it has been believed that the rebuilding of Buskfast Abbey, near Tones, has been carried out entirely by the monks.

Mr. Frederick A. Walters, F.R.I.B.A., of Great Ormond-street, now comes forward to correct this misapprehension.

Mr. Walters, at 80, is one of the oldest practising architects in the country, writes a Press representative. He has been the architect of the Abbey for over 40 years.

"The claims put forward on behalf of the Brothers have not come from the community," he said. "I would be the last to minimise the great credit which is due to the monks for what they have done. But these statements are an injustice to the other craftsmen."

"Craftsmen have been sent down from London, the artists have been made and placed in position by an outside firm, the metal work, lead glazing, stained glass and other work have all been done by experienced craftsmen."

"As time has gone on the Brothers, who started by merely building the walls, have acquired considerable skill and experience, but no one seeing the work that has been done at the Abbey would fall into the error of imagining that it could have been executed by other than expert craftsmen."

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ARABS AND WALLING WALL.

STARTLING STATEMENT OF BRITISH OFFICER.

Jerusalem, Oct. 30.

Major Saunders, who was Acting Commandant of Police at the time of the riots in Palestine, when further cross-examined by Counsel for the Jews before the Commission of Inquiry into the Palestine disturbances to-day, agreed that the Government had permitted the Arab demonstration at the Walling Wall on August 16.

Witness said that at one time it was the practice of the Government to supply rifles and ammunition to the Jewish colonies, but these were kept in a sealed armour and only opened in time of emergency. Since 1925 these armours had been gradually withdrawn, the drawal being completed about June this year.

Major Saunders stated that there were armoured cars at Ramleh—45 minutes from Jerusalem—and that it was possible for those cars to have reached Jerusalem before the Moslems came out of the mosque on August 23.

Answering counsel for the Government witness said he had an interview with the Grand Mufti on the morning of August 23, and the latter promised to use his influence for peace.

Replying to counsel for the Government witness said that any attempt to prevent the Moslem procession to the Walling Wall on August 16 would, in his opinion, have resulted in a general massacre. Major Saunders added: "With the small force of British police and 'specials' at our command—for you can rule out the Palestine native police—I have not the slightest doubt but that there would have been none of us left."

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Bank.
Hongkong Bank, \$1335 s.
Chartered Bank, 619 b.
Morantillo A. & B., 2301 n.
East Asia, 95 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., 5695 n.
Union Ins., 3555 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.

Yangtze Ins., 350 n.

China Underwriters, 2 n.

China Fire, 4310 b.

H. K. Fire Ins., 8315 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, 325 n.

H. K. Steamboats, 2261 sa.

H. K. Tugs, 22 s.

Indo-China, (Dof.) 70 n.

Union Waterboats, 222 n.

Mining.

Bonguets, 4470 b.

Kailans, 63 n.

Langkats, Tls. 13.60 sa.

S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.

Rauks, 12 n.

Tronoha, 21 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, 145 n.

Whampna Docks, 322 b.

China Providents, 55.25 sa.

Hongkows, Tls. 190 n.

Now Engineering, Tls. 7.50 n.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.80 b.

Oriental, Tls. 2.30 b.

S'hai Cottons, Tls. 77 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, 10.75 b.

H. K. Lands, 65 s.

S'hai Lands, Tls. 161 n.

Humphreys, 14.40 n.

Realities, 7.90 b.

Chinese Estates, 98 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, 119 s.

Peak Trams, (old) 11.75 n.

Star Ferries, 6692 n.

China Lights, (old) 16.40 s.

H. K. Electric, 666 b.

Macao Electric, 23 b.

Telephones, 7.80 b.

China Buses, Tls. 151 b.

Singapore Tractions, 10/- s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 90 n.

Malabons, 227 n.

Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 11 n.

Canton Ice, 22.50 n.

Coments (Comb) 12.90 n.

Ropos (Old) 8 s.

United Amstons, 45 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, 204 n.

Watsons, 12 s.

Der A. Wings, 80 n.

Lane Crawford, 1.95 b.

Mackintoshes, 18 b.

Sinceres, 12 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, 2287 s.

Constructions, 1.30 b.

B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 61%

H. K. G. Loan 44% s. Prem.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office, where full information concerning all wireless services may be obtained at all times, is situated on the ground floor of the P. and O. Building in Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed. The parcel post service to places in the Province of Kwangai is suspended until further notice. Until further notice letters for Kwangai will be forwarded via Pakhoi or Haiphong. Information has now been received from Karachi confirming the total loss of the bag of Air-mail forwarded from Hongkong on 4th October.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	December 7.
Straits	Hakozaki Maru	December 8.
Japan	Penang Maru	December 9.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	December 9.
Australia and Manila	Pres. Grant	December 9.
Straits	Changto	December 9.
Japan	Talamba	December 9.
Japan	Sado Maru	December 10.
Japan	Dakar Maru	December 10.
London (parcels, 7th Nov.) and	Sydney Maru	December 12.
Canada (Victoria B.C. 23rd Nov.)	Antenor	December 12.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	December 12.
Jeypore	Jeypore	December 12.
Japan	Hakone Maru	December 13.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 15th Nov.)	Muroran Maru	December 14.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	December 14.
Straits	Bingo Maru	December 15.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 20th Nov.)	Taiyo Maru	December 16.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	December 16.
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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 6 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rawalpindi	Sat., Dec. 7.

Parcels	K.P.O.	Dec. 6, 4.30 p.m.
Registration		Dec. 7, 9 a.m.
Letters		Dec. 7, 10 a.m.

Parcels	G.P.O.	Dec. 6, 5 p.m.
Registration		Dec. 7, 9.45 a.m.
Letters		Dec. 7, 10.30 a.m.

Parcels	G.P.O.	Dec. 6, 5 p.m.
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"COQUETTE."

MARY PICKFORD IN MOODS
OF FASHION.

Mary Pickford, who is appearing in her first all-talking picture, "Coquette," at the Queen's Theatre, believes that the emotions of a dramatic scene can be accentuated by the clothing worn by the players. In "Coquette" she wears five gowns, each one expressive of the underlying feeling of the scenes in which it appears.

The frock she wears in the opening episode is an orchid tulle dancing dress. The gay girliness of it expresses the buoyancy of the little flirt, who tells each of her Southern beaux that he is "adorable," and then dances off to the next conquest.

Miss Pickford's second evening gown, worn in the dramatic scenes of the country club, where she meets her lover, Michael Jeffrey, and goes with him to his cabin in the hills, is a subtle combination of naive and sophistication. The shell pink satin bodice of this frock is girdled with vari-colored ribbon, and the short satin skirt is masked by tiers of silver-edged net ruffles. The revealing maturity of its close fitting lines is held masked by its youthful bouffancy. In this expressive gown Miss Pickford, as Norma Besant, steps from carefree girlhood into tragic womanhood.

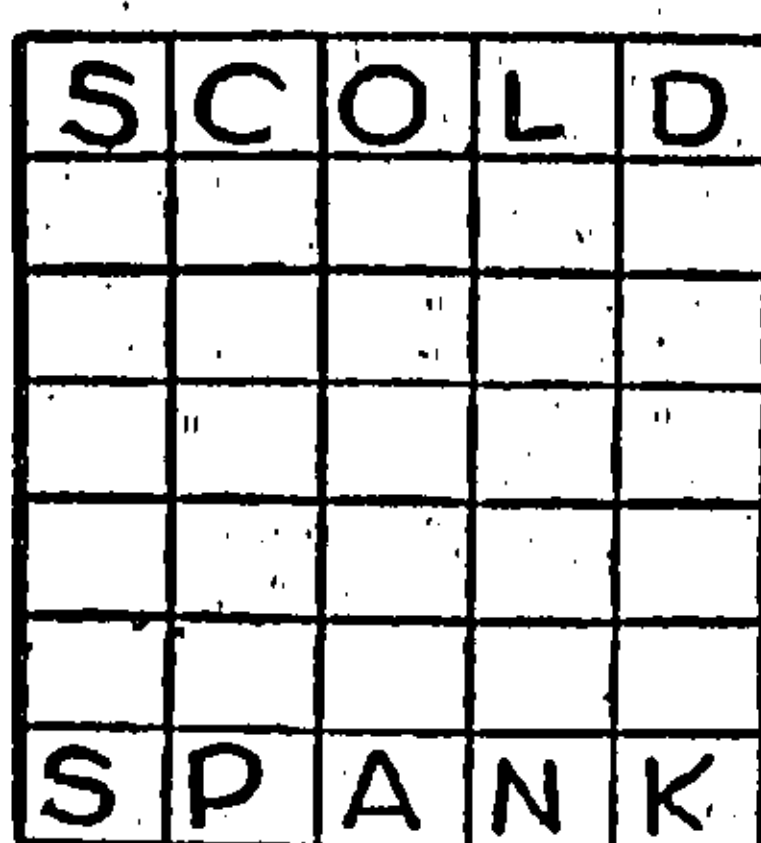
The apple green, printed silk morning dress, which she wears in the later dramatic scenes, spells pathos in the youth of its lines. The gaiety of its colouring and the chic of its design enhance the tragedy into which Norma wears it. And for the heartbreak of the episode following the death of Michael, Miss Pickford chose a beige tailored dress, severe in its simplicity.

A delicate psychology of clothes was expressed in the court-room outfit worn by the desolate little coquette. Constrained to pretend a giddy love to save the life of her father, Norma dares not wear mourning for her dead sweetheart. For this sequence Miss Pickford chose a tweed ensemble suit of marine blue with cuffs and collar grey felt hat. The lightness of the costume's colouring serves to accentuate the pathetic efforts of Norma to conceal her grief.

Miss Pickford brought four of the five "Coquette" gowns with her from Paris.

LETTER GOLF.

To-day's puzzle gets more severe as it goes along. We SCOLD a little at the start and end up by SPANKING.



- 1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in part, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
 - 2.—You can change only one letter at a time.
 - 3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
 - 4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
- One solution is printed on another page.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



New tweed coats are cut a little longer now than they were earlier in the season. Here are two good models: one in brown speckled Scotch tweed trimmed with light brown fur; and another in smooth blue mixture tweed effectively decorated with strappings of plain blue and collared in blue-grey fox.

Women Dancer's Long Gowns

MEN PARTNERS ANNOYED
BY DELAYS.

The long, trailing skirts and bunched frills of the new evening gown fashions are provoking adverse criticism among women who dance. The inconvenience of the style to theatre-going women was described in the *Daily Mail* recently.

Women wearing dance or dinner frocks in the new style are finding that partners object to dancing with a woman whose gown is a constant source of annoyance. Dancers have to halt occasionally while the trails of the woman's gown are disentangled from the feet and ankles of other couples.

A teacher of ballroom dancing stated:

No woman cares to pay several guineas for a garment which becomes shabby through sweeping the floor with each movement. Gowns that reach to the ankles and then break off into two or three stupid little trains are not suitable for modern dancing, which demands dresses that do not encumber the already limited space of dance floors.

Insuring A Smile.

Can one insure a smile? It is evidently possible to do so in one sense, that of receiving financial compensation for the loss of it, because I have just been reading that a well-known cinema actress has insured hers for £250,000.

But the contract only provides for payment of the money if her smile loses its charm through accident or illness.

And that it not how most smiles lose their charm; at least not if you take both words in their usual sense.

I would not say that the actress in question has over-valued her smile, though I have not seen it, for I know that there are smiles that are worth untold wealth to

A Beauty Search.

WEIRD DEVICES AT HAIR-
FASHION FAIR.

Many surprises await the visitor to the Hairdressing Fair of Fashion at the White City, Shepherd's Bush, W., says a writer in a Home Journal of mail week.

The most striking feature is the number and variety of mechanical devices necessary for the beautification of women. There are machines which slim by massage, half a dozen different permanent waving methods, and weird apparatus for curling falling hair.

Lovely models show hairdressing fashions, from the simple coils of the ancient Greeks to a fantastic coiffure predicted for 1940. Other patient mannequins submit to wrinkle removing, ice massage, and hair tinting.

Although it is estimated that British women spend nearly £50,000,000 yearly on hairdressing and beauty culture, an official at the exhibition told a *Daily Mail* reporter that they are not taking any of the elaborate semi-surgical treatments which American women endure.

"Women in this country," he said, "are content to have simple massage and mud packs and to use lotions rather than suffer face lifting."

The Marchioness Townshend, opening the fair said: "I wish we could return to the period of ringlets and romance. The two go together, and we lost something of romance when women cut their hair short."

the world, whatever they are worth to those who possess them.

And when I see that kind of smile, I always feel afraid, as one fears to see a light flickering in the wind suddenly put out. For it is a tremulous, elusive thing, just as closely akin to tears as to laughter, and easily lost.

But when it does shine on through trials and misfortune, it is then that it is worth most to the world.

For it is the smile of pity born of suffering, of love born of the need of it, and of hope born of faith.—C. E. In Exchange.

Blondes Preferred.

DOCTOR CAN MAKE PEOPLE
FAIR.

New York.—Dr. Yusuburo Noguchi, the Japanese biologist and experimental zoologist, who is head of the Noguchi Hospital at Beppu, in Japan, makes, in all seriousness, the astounding assertion that by electrical nutrition and glandular control, plus the use of ultra-violet rays, he and his associates believe they could at will change an Indian's colour to that of a negro, and could alter the appearance of a Japanese to that of a Caucasian.

But they admit that the latter process would take three generations to become final.

Dr. Noguchi has just arrived here from Brazil, where he has been studying the jungle peoples. He says he has formulated his technique for changing the racial characteristics of human beings and their pigmentation after 15 years of experiments.

Altering Colour or Form.

His method consists in the stimulation of certain gland secretions and the artificial diminution of others, beginning when the subject is a child.

In this way he can transform an infant, not only by making it grow up dark or light, but also by making it tall or short, broad or slender, as desired.

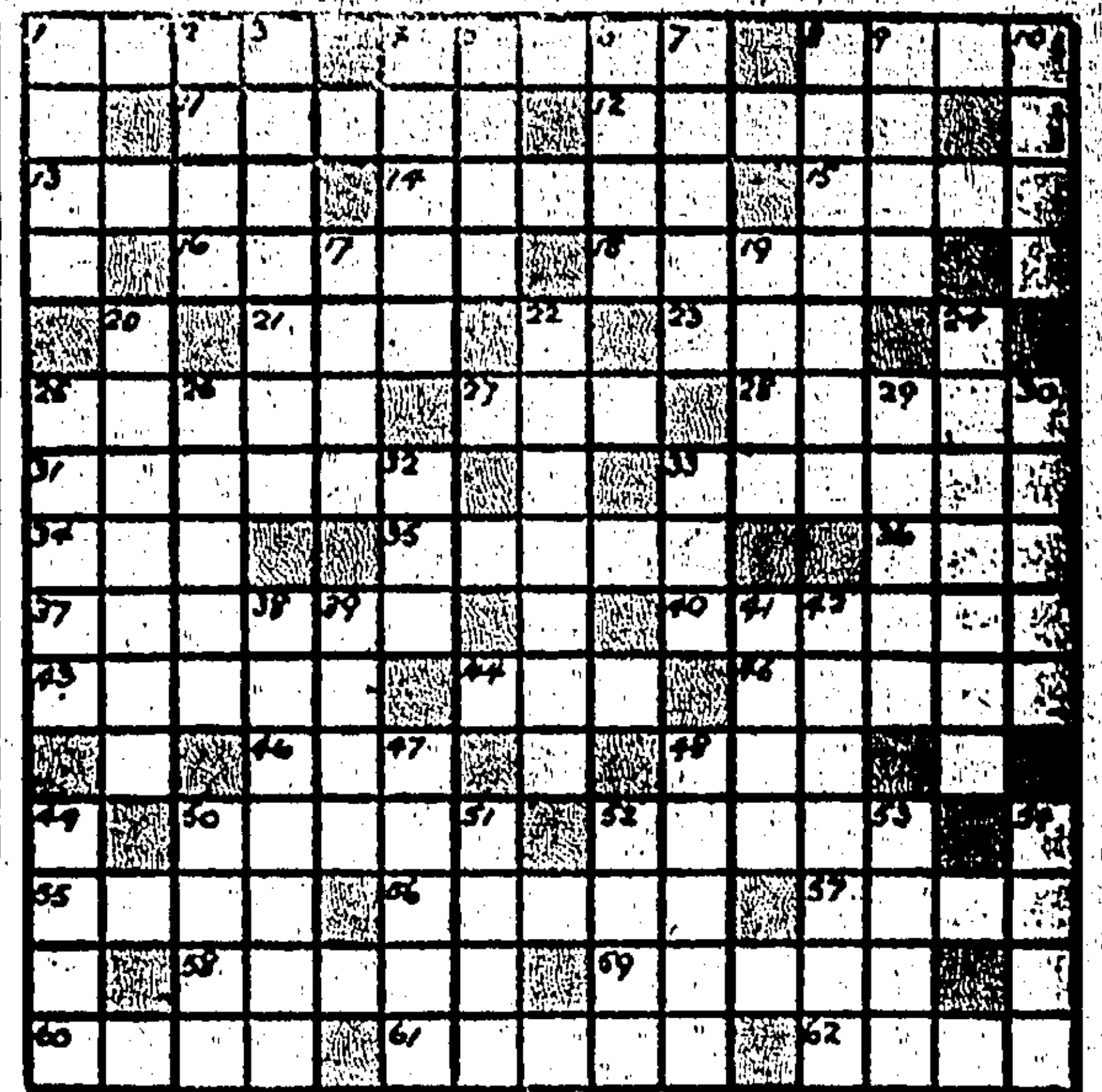
Under-developed children, some with distinct mental deficiencies, have been changed so as to grow up to normal youth, he asserts.

"Perhaps criminal instincts can be eradicated," the doctor suggests. Dr. Noguchi is pursuing his studies with the encouragement of a subsidy from his government. He is now on his way home.



One of the season's most effective styles is illustrated in the light navy cloth coat/sketches here. The deep V-shaped panel down the front, cut in one with the yoke, suggests height without breadth, while the belt at normal gives a very trim finish. The collar also is worthy of note.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.

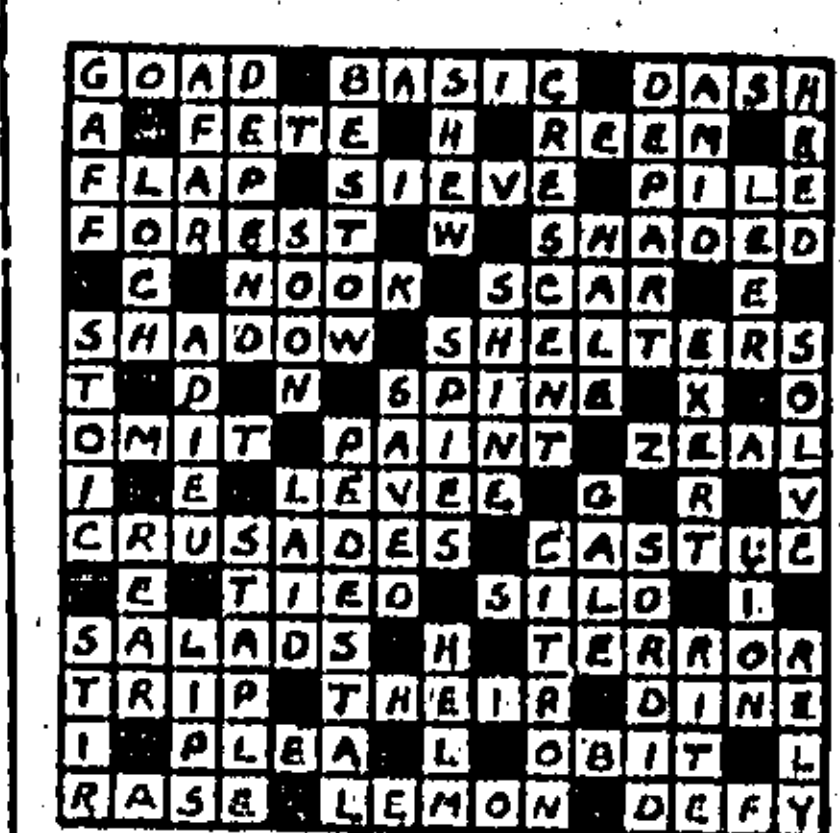


- Across.
- 1 Let water in.
 - 4 Glazed earthenware dishes.
 - 8 Labour.
 - 11 Begin again.
 - 12 Huddled together.
 - 13 Satirical attack.
 - 14 Tranquillity.
 - 15 Biblical passage.
 - 16 Performer.
 - 18 Poetical for the sun.
 - 21 Very warm.
 - 23 Pole.
 - 25 Central point.
 - 27 Pitcher.
 - 28 Read with perseverance.
 - 31 Glide away.
 - 33 Draw from.
 - 34 Every.
 - 35 Ingenuous.
 - 36 Secure.
 - 37 Antagonists.
 - 40 Whole.
 - 41 Unwell.
 - 44 Tiny.
 - 45 Assistant.
 - 46 Part of the verb "to be".
 - 48 Dull.
 - 50 Foretokens.
 - 52 Bulbous roots.
 - 55 Flows from volcanoes.
 - 56 Spring flower.
 - 57 Wander.
 - 58 Iro.
 - 60 Even.
 - 61 Raise one end of.
 - 62 Dances.
 - 62 Observe.

- Down.
- 1 Succulent.
 - 2 Song.
 - 3 Sauce.
 - 4 Depository.
 - 5 Large pitcher.
 - 6 Truth.

- 7 Belonging to them.
- 8 Bull-fighter.
- 9 Evident.
- 10 Musical instrument.
- 17 Fling.
- 19 Drink hard.
- 20 Miner.
- 22 Planet.
- 24 Venerated.
- 25 Is afraid of.
- 26 Bring forth a calf.
- 29 Shift.
- 30 Prevent from acting.
- 32 Entity.
- 33 Name of a letter.
- 38 Substance of impenetrable hardness.
- 39 Musical instrument.
- 41 Stud.
- 42 Kind of drum.
- 47 Pierce.
- 48 Tricks.
- 49 Careless woman.
- 50 Elliptical.
- 51 Certain.
- 52 Bank.
- 53 Song for one.
- 54 Sudden thrust.

Yesterday's Solution.



FIRST GERMAN "TALKIE."

PRODUCED IN ENGLAND AND
SHOWN IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Oct. 28.
For Berliners the premiere of a super film has become a society event of just as much importance as the premiere of a great play. This evening, however, the world premiere of the talk film "Atlantic" was an occasion of double importance, since it is the first talk film ever produced in the German language.

The Gloripalast where "Atlantic" is being shown has consequently been sold out for days in advance and the occasion was marked by a transmission of the "Atlantic" talk and sound on the wireless.

"Atlantic," moreover, is of interest since it is the first attempt to produce a "talkie" in two languages. It was produced at Elstree by E. A. Dupont for the British International Pictures, Limited, and over a dozen well-known German actors and actresses spent three weeks in England to react the film in German.

Fritz Kortner, the hero, is one of Germany's most popular actors who has often taken the chief part in Shakespearean plays.

ALL RED BUSES IN LONDON AGAIN.

FAILURE OF THE CREAM-
COLOURED EXPERIMENT.

London's omnibuses are to be all-red once more. The great Skewbald Experiment—red bodies with cream upper-works—has failed.

This is official. The L.G.O.C. stated recently that they were reverting to the old colour scheme.

"Our main reason," said an official of the company to a Press representative, "is that the public do not like the idea of any change. They have been generally supported by the Press."

"We have been overwhelmed with letters of protest."

"In deference, therefore, to the wishes of our patrons, no more 'old Reds' will be altered."

"The cream and red buses will go into dock to be repainted all-red."

In a leaderette published in "The Daily Chronicle" on October 8, and headed "Fog-coloured Buses," the change was regretted because "this one touch of cheerful red, which was adding vivacity to our drab streets, is to be removed, and for it substituted a characterless shade which will blend with or be indistinguishable from, our November fogs."

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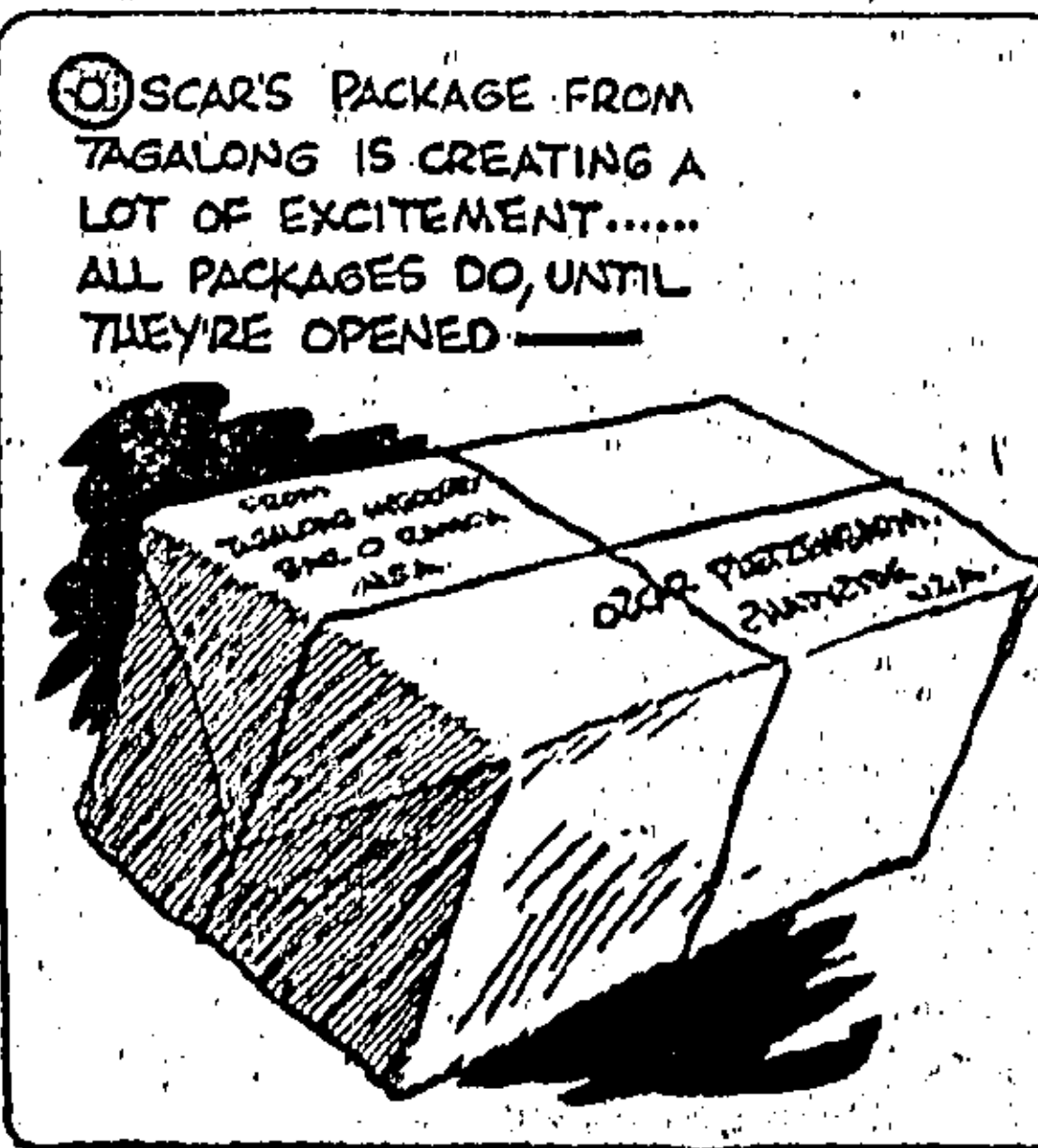
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TO DO
THIS!!

Too Small



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BET SOME INDIAN
MADE THAT!!
BOY!!
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CANOE?



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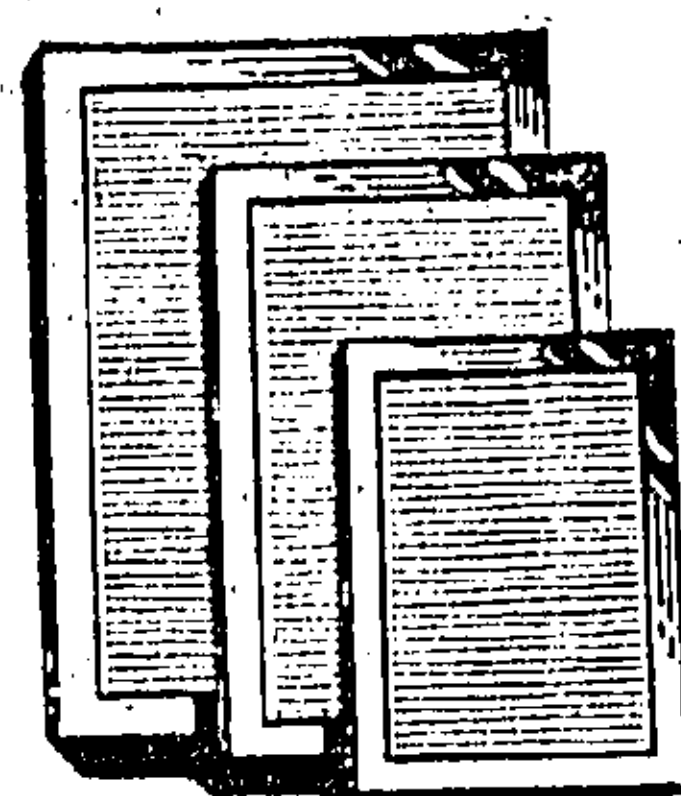
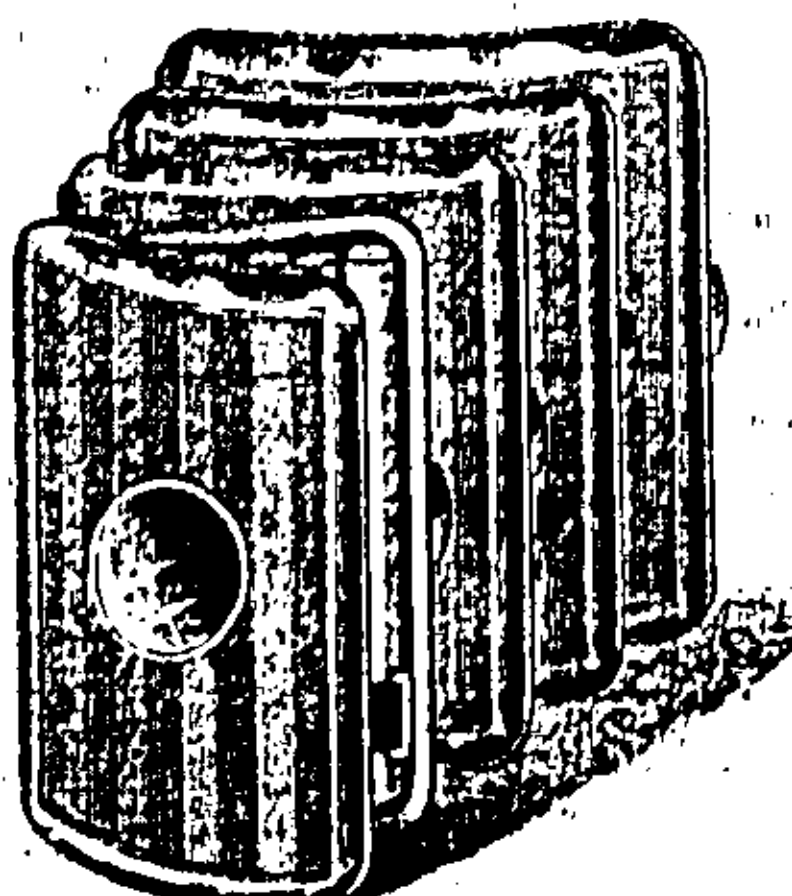


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BIRTH.

NARAIN.—On December 4th, 1929, at the French Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Narain, a daughter.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY DEC. 6, 1929.

A TICKLISH ISSUE.

Whilst there will be certain distinct advantages arising out of the resumption of diplomatic relations between Britain and Russia, the importance and value of which should not be overlooked, we cannot say that we are altogether impressed with the Government's hope that it will be possible to stamp out Bolshevik propaganda in various parts of the British Empire. There is, we admit, point in Lord Thomson's remark that a refusal to resume relations, because we might not feel disposed to accept Soviet promises would be a policy of despair, resulting in an indefinite continuance of the present state of affairs. Possibly in the circumstances the most that can be done is to accept the Soviet's assurances, but, above all else, to see that they are duly honoured. In this connexion, some comfort may be derived from the definite statement by Lord Thomson that in the event of propaganda being continued, the Russian Ambassador would be given his marching orders.

In recently commenting on this question, we expressed a doubt regarding Moscow's ability to stop propaganda, even presuming there was the willingness to do so. During the debate in the House of Lords on Wednesday, that point was mentioned by the Government spokesman, who said he did not wish to leave the impression that propaganda would cease like magic; it could not, in the nature of things, with a body like the Third International, he added. It is here, we think, that the Government is likely to find itself in a quandary eventually. The no-propaganda pledge comes into effect immediately the exchange of Ambassador takes place. Assume, then, that not long afterwards, evidence is forthcoming that the Third International has been at its old game in some part of the British Empire. Lord Thomson clearly foresees that possibility. What, then, is to happen? It is true that the Soviet Press has argued that the no-propaganda pledge does not extend to the activities of the Third International, but that is not the British Government's attitude, a point which has been made perfectly clear in a number of Ministerial state-

ments on the subject. The position, therefore, is that, on the one hand, the Government foresees that propaganda cannot be made to stop as if by magic, whilst, on the other, it declares its determination to expel the Russian Ambassador if such propaganda continues. The deduction to be drawn seems to be a distinct likelihood of the relations, once resumed, being very quickly ruptured again. If that happens, all the Government's negotiating and Treaty-making will not have been of the least avail.

There is, of course, the other possibility that, realising the advantage of normal diplomatic contact with Britain, the Soviet will do its utmost to put a stop to subversive propaganda in British territory. If it does, and the evidence of sincerity is conclusive, then all will be for the best. But we cannot forget that on a previous occasion the Soviet broke its solemn pledge in this matter, a fact which serves to increase the feelings of mistrust held in some quarters. If Russia could be only made to see it, she has everything to gain by cutting herself adrift from Communist propaganda and taking her place in the comity of sober, responsible nations. But so long as her agents, directly or indirectly, engage in seditious agitation in other lands, her bona fides in other spheres will always remain suspect.

Our National Diet.

Let us always be glad to see ourselves as others see us. It may correct our vanity, which will be for our good, says a London newspaper. It may convince us how silly those others are, which will be comfortable. Dr. Flessinger, a French medical man, informs his compatriots that the Englishman "eats few vegetables, feeds on rumpsteaks, and drinks whisky." As a description of our national diet this seems inadequate, much as if we informed Dr. Flessinger that the Frenchman eats little fish, feeds on chicken, and drinks brandy. Such remarks are commonly interpreted to imply a sanguine desire to make a joke. But what Dr. Flessinger wants to make is a theory. According to his theory, the Frenchman is the result of "two main influences—wine and women." The German replaces wine by beer, and meat by sausage and bacon. The Englishman, as we have said, is a creature of steak and whisky. And, indeed, if Dr. Flessinger never sees any beer in France, how can we complain that he beholds a wineless Germany, a beerless England? It is clear that races thus diversely nourished could never form a United States of Europe. How they contrived to form the United States of America might seem an awkward question for Dr. Flessinger. But his agile mind is easily equal to it. The emigrants, he explains, had no hereditary customs, no ancestral rules, no haunting memories of wine and women, beer and sausage, steak and whisky. They were, in fact, just what he says Frenchmen and Germans and Englishmen can never be. That is the way to use a theory.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 5.
Paris	128.945
Geneva	25.11
Berlin	20.88
Oslo	18.205
Helsingfors	194
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	46.516
Hongkong	1/8%
New York	4.88 1/32
Amsterdam	12.09%
Stockholm	12.10%
Vienna	34.605
Madrid	34.825
Bucharest	818
Bombay	1/7%
Yokohama	2/0 1/10
Brussels	34.86
Milan	93.225
Copenhagen	18.19%
Prague	164%
Lisbon	108.25
Rio	5.13/16
Shanghai	2/2%
Silver (spot)	22%
Silver (forward)	22%

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A RICH MAN AND A POOR MAN IS THIS: THE FORMER EATS WHEN HE PLEASES, AND THE LATTER WHEN HE CAN GET IT.—Sir Walter Raleigh.

The Empress of Russia, which left Hongkong on November 27, arrived at Yokohama at 3 p.m. yesterday and is due at Vancouver on December 14.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Eduardo Augusto Matos, No. 721, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Luisa Maria Lai, No. 3, Shelley Street, Hongkong.

Remanded from yesterday, a Japanese employee of the Harman's Circus, who was arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, failed to appear before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and had his bail of \$10 estreated.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Interesting Pictures For To-morrow.

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will, as usual, contain illustrations of all the principal events of the past week.

In the realm of sport, there will be pictures of the tennis displays at the Chinese Recreation Club and at the K.C.C., as well as several photographs taken at the Race Meeting, including a group of Ewo jockeys, and a snapshot of play in the Lai Wai Cup match between the Chinese and Civilians.

Several illustrations will appear of the Volunteers in camp, and there will also be a group of the Scottish Company of the Corps, together with the Chief of St. Andrew's Society and Mrs. Ferguson.

Amongst other pictures will be groups taken at the weddings of Lieut. Comdr. W. D. Brown and Miss Doris Stewart, and of Mr. A. S. Mitchell and Miss Doreen Byrne.

Local estate to the value of \$3,600 was left by Captain Edward Midgley, former master of the s.s. Tai Lee, who died at the Government Civil Hospital on August 1, this year. Probate has been granted to Miss Maude Elizabeth White, 8, Seaview, Wanchai Gap Road, who is the executrix for the Hongkong estate, all of which is bequeathed to Miss Rose Emily White. Two other executors are appointed to administer estate in the United Kingdom.

Sir Peter Grain, Chief Justice of His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China at Shanghai, arrived in Hongkong on board the s.s. Rajputana yesterday on his way to Shanghai to which place he is returning from home leave. At Hongkong he was joined by Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice of Hongkong) who is proceeding to Shanghai to sit in the Court of Appeal there. Sir Henry Gollan is expected to be away for a fortnight.

Shortly after noon yesterday, a motor mishap occurred in Des Voeux Road Central, when a car driven by Sanitary Inspector Savage ran into and knocked down a Chinese, without inflicting any serious injury. Apparently, Inspector Savage was in his private car when at a point near Fung Man Street a Chinese ran across the roadway, and was knocked down before Inspector Savage could come to a standstill. The man was able to proceed on his way. As Inspector Savage pulled up his car, and backed away from the spot, it collided with tram-car No. 83, coming from behind. The impact was a slight one, and no damage was caused to either vehicle. A report was subsequently made to the police.

CRUELTY TO QUAILS.

THREE CARRIED IN A STOCKING.

A case differing from the usual instances of cruelty, was mentioned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese was charged with causing unnecessary suffering to three quails.

Inspector Marks told his Worship that the defendant was arrested carrying the quails in a stocking, in which were also three quail eggs. One of the birds was dead when taken out, while a second died after it had been liberated.

The defendant, who pleaded guilty to the charge, was fined \$5. In a second case of cruelty, a Chinese, who was charged with overcrowding 38 chickens, six of which were being carried in a sack, was fined \$7.

MODERN CLOCKS.

NEW INVENTION AVAILABLE IN HONGKONG.

Electricity has become so universal in the modern home, that its many benefits are liable to be overlooked. It is merely taken for granted that numerous domestic appliances such as toasters, vacuum cleaners, irons, heaters of all descriptions, to name but a few have been simplified and modernised by means of electric current. It is only when a new departure is made, or a new invention marketed, that public attention is momentarily focussed on yet another utility operated by electricity.

So to-day, the attention of the modern-minded man is arrested by the announcement that it is now possible to obtain accurate time-keeping by means of "Telechron Electric Timekeeping." In other words, a clock has been invented which is operated by the mere act of inserting an electric plug in the wall, as one does with such ordinary appliances as fans and lights.

This wonderful electric time keeper costs no more than any good mechanical clock, and the electric current consumed amounts to only a few cents a month. Furthermore, since the flow of electric impulses over the wires is exactly regulated by the power station, the Telechron is always accurate.

Whether for home or office, the "Telechron" gives correct time all the time, and many are the designs and styles available. There are really delightful models made expressly to harmonise with the furnishing of the home, and plainer types suitable for the more sombre atmosphere of the modern office. Prices are most reasonable, and there is not the slightest doubt that the "Telechron" time-piece will become as universal in use as has the now obsolete clock of other days. In other countries it has already taken its place with other household appliances operated by electricity, and has already created the familiarity which classifies it among everyday items of necessity in the really up-to-date home.

The local agents are Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd., of David House, Des Voeux Road, who have arranged for various models to be displayed at the Showroom of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Radio Exhibition.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—For a first attempt, I heartily vote the local Exhibition a great success, judging by the number of interested spectators who crowded round the various stands, all eager to discover the very best value for their money or seeking new components to improve their sets.

I would like, however, to offer a word to the exhibitors. With such a formidable array of multi-tube sets, not to mention the many useful and inexpensive three-valve sets, some attempt should be made to prove the selectivity of some of the sets by tuning in the various stations in the East instead of a monotonous round of music broadcasting from the local station.

Demonstrations on these lines are bound to secure more business as most would-be listeners have a weakness for "distance."—Yours, etc.,

"RADIO."

Hongkong, Dec. 6th, 1929.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for week ended December 5th, 1908.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 9. 5/16d.

Over a thousand people attended St. Andrew's Ball at the City Hall, the President being the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham and the Hon. Secretary Mr. David Wood. Amongst the officials were Messrs. R. G. Shewan, George Duncan, J. W. C. Bonnar and E. Grant Smith.

Considerable difference of opinion on the question of a third judge for the Supreme Court was revealed in correspondence passing between H.E. the Governor (Sir Frederick Lugard) and the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Pigott).

The marriage took place at Colombo of Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Miss Gertrude Irvine.

The Very Idea!

Housework for husbands and sons was advocated by Capt. Vansittart Howard, Mayor of Canterbury, when speaking at a village life conference in that city recently.

"Men," he said, "must bear in mind the burden imposed on their wives who toil from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., with little recreation and never without anxiety. Husbands should get up early in the morning and help their wives in the housework."

"If you can teach the lads to get up early and help their women-kind, as they do in our Dominions, in keeping their homes tidy, sweet and clean, you will be doing a great work for the future generation."

Robinson is a bit absent-minded. When the waiter handed him the menu, he said, "No, thanks; I don't care to read with my meals."

Nottingham Complainant—He made me bite a piece off my tongue. Man—What a pity it was not the missus!

Police man at Willesden—The man told me he was drunk. Magistrate—He saved you some trouble, then?

Woman, accused of being drunk at Southend—I had a breakdown in health, so I had some ginger wine. It was too strong for me.

Man at Southend, summoned for non-payment of rates—I am 77 years of age, "inconspicuous," and awaiting the call to eternity.

Counsel at Glasgow—My learned friend and I always get on well together. Opposing Counsel—Yes, when we are dealing with someone else's money.

"Does she sing for money?" "I don't know. The only time I ever heard her she seemed to be singing for spite."

How many appreciators of the virtues of the cooking apple, now happily plentiful, remember that it was responsible for the naming of a familiar class of street traders? Such apples used to be known as "costards," and centuries ago their vendors became known as costard—or coster—mongers. In the sixteenth century most costard-mongers seem to have been Irish, for Ben Jonson records of one of his characters that his father was "an Irish costard-monger," while in another old play it is asserted that "in England all the costermongers are Irish." Even in those days the howling of the fraternity was notorious, and Old Morose in "The Epicure," was described as swooning at the voice of a costermonger.

"Oh, granny, I can't do this sum. Do help me."

"No, dear. It would not be right."

"I know it wouldn't, but you might have a shot."

During the hearing of a case a man began clattering about in the back of the court-room, pushing over chairs and generally upsetting things.

"Young man," said the judge at length, sternly to him. "You make a great deal of noise."

"You honour," came the reply, "I have lost my overcoat, and I am looking for it."

"Well, well," snapped the irate judge, "people—often lose whole suits here without half as much disturbance."

WHO WAS.....

JOHN BUNCLE?

John Bunce married no less than seven wives and buried the lot.

That is no mean record, and may call forth a comparison with Bluebeard, but John Bunce himself was in no sense a murderer of wives. They all died through circumstances which he was unable to control, no sooner had one gone the way of all flesh than he would stumble upon another, amazingly beautiful and full of profound intellect, only to attend her funeral in the same chapter.

These good wives brought a fortune to John Bunce, Esq., but the vivacious gentleman gambled it away in the space of a single evening. And not only was he indefatigable as a gambler and marrying man; but he could drink the clock round, and once did so, consuming so much wine that the perspiration which came from him was coloured red!

An amiable fellow, was John Bunce, whose acquaintances you may meet in Amory's novel, "Life of John Bunce, Esq.," published in 1766.

GANG OF ROBBERS TRAPPED.**DESPERATE FIGHT IN SINGAPORE.****HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE IN A COMPOUND.****TEN IN HOSPITAL.**

Singapore, Nov. 29. The most sensational encounter between police and armed robbers that has occurred for several years was staged at Geylang last night, and as a result ten men are now in hospital.

The scene of the battle was the compound of a large house situated between two dark longways off Geylang Road, inhabited by a wealthy Arab.

The police received information that a Chinese gang had planned to raid the house, and a party of ten detectives under Inspector Farquharson and Sub-Inspector Ah Long went there at about ten p.m. and took up positions inside and surrounding the compound.

Arab Caught.

They had not waited long before an Arab, who turned out later to be well-known to the police, arrived and attempted to gain admission to the compound. He was promptly seized, pulled down and gagged before he could give the alarm. After he had been safely secured the police resumed their watch.

A few minutes later six Chinese entered the compound, and an occupant of the house who came out at that moment was immediately stabbed by one of them. Sub-Inspector Ah Long went for the assailant, but he was stabbed in the back and collapsed.

A Chinese detective then seized the man, but he also was stabbed, being wounded below the groin, and was forced to release his hold.

Armed Bandit Shot.

By this time the gate of the compound had been closed and the bandits were trapped. They fought desperately for liberty, however, and for some time the compound was the scene of a regular hand-to-hand struggle.

A robber who whipped out an automatic was promptly shot in the abdomen by Inspector Farquharson, and the wounded detective also fired three shots, but apparently none of them took effect.

The Chief Police Officer, Mr. A. J. Sheedy, and Mr. E. Tongue, A.S.P. in charge of the Detective Branch, arrived while the fight was in progress and lent a hand, and after half an hour five robbers were left out on the ground and several police.

One Man Escapes.

The remnant of robbers managed to scale the wall in the compound and got away. Two ambulances were summoned to remove the casualties to the General Hospital, where the five arrested men are now in custody. As soon as they have recovered they will be charged with attempted murder and armed robbery.

The Casualties.

Fortunately the stab wounds inflicted on Sub-Inspector Ah Long and the detective are not considered to be serious, but the Arab occupant of the house who was stabbed before the affray began is in a critical condition. That the casualty list might have been even more serious is shown by the fact that the automatic pistol found on one of the robbers contained four live rounds and two daggers were picked up afterwards.

The determined and courageous conduct of the police thus resulted in the capture of practically an entire gang of desperate characters, not the least important of whom is the Arab who was first arrested, and who is believed to have been the gang leader.

ASAMA MARU.**ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR INSPECTION.**

Over four thousand people visited the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's new motor vessel, the Asama Maru, yesterday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., and much interest was evinced in the many features of this luxurious vessel. The whole of the ship was thrown open for inspection, and music and refreshments were provided.

In view of the requests still being received by the Company, it has been decided to throw the Asama Maru open for inspection again on Sunday, December 8th, from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the N.Y.K. Offices.

When the ship leaves Shanghai on the 14th inst., Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks will be among the passengers to Los Angeles.

THE SINO-SOVIET QUESTION.**AMERICA SATISFIED WITH REPRESENTATIONS.****REPLIES TO BRITAIN.**

Washington, Dec. 5. Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, has expressed the opinion that as far as the United States is concerned, the Sino-Russian affair is closed.

He says the efforts of the United States, combined with those of other Powers, to arrest hostilities have been successful, and thinks the hopes for peace are bright. *Reuter's American Service.*

Replies to Britain.

London, Dec. 5. The British Government has received the Chinese reply and a summary of the Soviet reply to the memoranda sent to those two Governments calling their attention to the terms of the Paris Pact, of which they are among the signatories, and its application to the Manchurian situation.

The Chinese telegram declares that the National Government has maintained a peaceful attitude and has refrained from any hostile military action, except for the purposes of self-protection, and recalls that last August it circulated a statement of Chinese intentions together with an expression of its readiness to negotiate with the Soviet Government.

The summary of the Soviet reply to the British memorandum declares Soviet policy to be peaceful and Nanking policy provocative, and states that the measures taken by the Red Army are entirely in self-defence and not a branch of the Paris Agreement.

The reply disputes the right of any group of States to act as guardian of the Pact, and says the conflict can only be ended by direct negotiations on conditions with which China is acquainted and which Mukden has already accepted, and that no outside interference can be permitted. *British Wireless.*

M. Litvinoff Speaks.

Moscow, Dec. 5. M. Litvinoff in a speech to the Central Executive Committee of Soviets said Russia was well on the way towards a definite settlement of the Chinese Eastern Railway conflict.

The demarche by three Powers, which had been without result would at the worst lead to a delay of the negotiations with Mukden, but he was inclined to think "Mukden, and perhaps even Nanking, will understand that we won't allow any demarches to avert us from the position which we have resolutely adopted from the very beginning of the conflict, and any delay will only be to the disadvantage of China itself."

As regards Japan, considerable stabilisation might be observed in her relations with Russia, and the mutual loyalty shown by both sides.

The Soviet was interested in seeing speedy pacification of Afghanistan. It recognised the new government as soon as it was formed, and confirmed its unchanging friendship.

He concluded by saying that the general international position of the Soviets had improved, but its external safety could not be considered secure. *Reuter.*

China Thanks France.

Paris, Dec. 5. This morning the Chinese Minister visited M. Briand, whom he presumably thanked for the French intervention in the Sino-Russian conflict. *Havas.*

LADIES' NIGHT.**ENJOYABLE AFFAIR AT THE Y.M.C.A.**

"Ladies Night" at the Kowloon European Y.M.C.A. yesterday was a most enjoyable affair and made all the more successful by the appearance (their first in Hong-kong) of "The Musical Marauders," a male quartette who specialise in harmonised syncopation. They gave several delightful numbers, and so captivated the audience that they had to answer insistent demands for recalls.

The Marauders are Messrs. M. Roberts, R. Ockwell, W. Johnson and I. Schroder, who achieved considerable success in Shanghai, and it is pleasing to note that they are to contribute to the wireless programme this evening from the local station.

Other artists who assisted in last night's first-rate entertainment were Mrs. Younghusband, who gave excellent interpretations of Dickens characters, and The Troubadours (Messrs. Grenham, Jacobson, Simpson and True) orchestral quartette.

THRILLING WRECK STORY.**SIX ANNAMITE CASTAWAYS PICKED UP.****FORTUNATE RESCUE.**

Singapore, Nov. 29.

Six Annamite fishermen who were brought to Singapore by the A.S. Snabang had an astonishing adventure to relate when they were interrogated at the French Consulate.

The men were in a shocking state, covered with cuts and bruises received during their buffeting with the waves, and were extremely exhausted.

Their condition was so bad that it was impossible to get a fully coherent story from them. How-

DOUG & MARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks who are at present on a visit to Hongkong.

ever, it appears that they left one of the small fishing villages on the coast of Annam on a fishing expedition, and they had been at sea for several hours when a heavy storm broke.

They were driven for several hours at the mercy of the winds and waves, and eventually their frail craft was smashed to pieces on the rocks. The exact position of these rocks are not known, the men being too illiterate to give an exact position.

After spending from ten to twelve days here without food, and depending on rain to quench their thirst, they eventually constructed a rude raft, and set out to find land. They were in too weak a condition to battle against the current and were carried further out

REVOLT SPREADS TO ANKING.**KUOMINCHUN UNITS INDULGE IN LOOTING.****POLICE DISARMED.**

Shanghai, Dec. 5.

As a direct outcome of the rebellion at Pukow, the city opposite Nanking, by the Kuominchun Division under the command of General Shih Yu-san, the National Government is once again facing a military crisis jeopardising the peace and tranquillity of Kiangsu, Anhui and Honan Provinces.

Following the coup at Pukow during the weekend, a large contingent of Shih Yu-san's troops at Anking, the capital of Anhui Province, suddenly announced their enmity with the National Government, denouncing Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

The populace at Anking became much alarmed, when the Kuominchun troops made a concerted and desperate attack on Government House and looted numerous private residences and business shops.

Police Disarmed.

Hundreds of Chinese police made a gallant attempt to save the town from looting, but after a brief encounter with the rebels, the police were all disarmed. The rebels, consisting of about two thousand men, were under the command of Soong Tili, a Regimental Commander of the Kuominchun Division.

It should be noted that after their surrender to Nanking recently in Honan, the Division of Shih Yu-san was ordered to be separated by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, resulting in one contingent being stationed at Pukow and the remainder at Anking.

Governor's Escape.

The Governor of Anhui Province happened to be out of the city at the time, his position being held by the acting Governor, Wu Shin-ah, who had a very narrow escape from the fury of the mutinous troops.

When Marshal Chiang Kai-shek heard of the disturbances, he dispatched two gunboats with Nanking troops to the scene. Thereupon, the rebels retreated towards Pengpu. Order was restored with the arrival of the gunboats Wei Ling and Cho Tai.

That the coup at Anking and the rebellion of some contingents of Kuominchun forces at Pukow amounts to a conspiracy to hinder the National Government's dispatching troops to Kwangtung is not to be doubted.

It is likely that at Pengpu the rebels will be joined by other discontented Kuominchun troops, with the intention of seizing the Lung-Hai Railway. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is endeavouring his best, however, to cope with the disturbances at Anking and Pukow by sending all available Nanking Military College cadets to these cities.

Hundreds of labourers have been forced by Nanking troops to transport equipment for the cadets. Nanking has received a lengthy proclamation from General Shih Yu-san denouncing Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

to sea, and after a day at sea they were picked up by the K.P.M. vessel.

The men have been sent to the Sailors' Home, where they will remain until the French Consulate can arrange for their repatriation.

THEFT NEARLY A ROBBERY.**SANITARY DEPARTMENT MEN SENTENCED.****STEALING BY FORCE.**

A theft from a Chinese in a lane behind Tai Nam Street, Shamshui, practically amounting to robbery, was related to Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when Sanitary Department coolies from a refuse junk were charged with larceny of \$15.00 from a godown keeper.

The defendants admitted the theft, but said that the total amount was only \$12.

Detective Sergeant Meadows said the complainant and a foki had visited an opium divan and on leaving the premises went by the back door. As soon as they got into the alleyway, they were accosted by the two defendants. The foki ran away, while the men seized the complainant and stole his money.

It was mentioned that the foki was suspected of having been involved in the theft, and had since absconded.

Acting on information received, the two defendants were arrested on board a refuse junk. It was discovered that they had been put up to the job by the foki, who had a grudge against the complainant. His Worship remarked that the theft was committed more or less forcibly.

Detective Sergeant Meadows replied that it almost amounted to robbery.

Each defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

CANTON TENSION INCREASES.

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Executions Reported.

It is also reported that two men who were arrested near Shek Lung last week trying to disseminate Kwangtung propaganda amongst the troops, were shot here yesterday, and no doubt those arrested in Canton yesterday will meet a similar fate.

The Canton News agency states that on November 27, five "re-organizationists" were arrested on a Canton-Kowloon train. Among them, Chen Te-cheng is reported to have been recognised as the 3rd Commander, and Chan Shou-sun, the colonel, appointed by the re-organizationists, both being responsible for damages on the Canton-Kowloon line. The two men were executed yesterday by order of the Bureau of Public Safety.

Curfew Hour for Motors.

Here in the city a 10 p.m. curfew has been fixed for all motor traffic. Rickshas and pedestrians are still allowed on the streets after 10 p.m., but are subject to searches by the police patrols.

With regard to recent reports as to the fate of the observer of the aeroplane which crashed at Sam shui last week, the Canton Gazette denies the report and goes even further and denies that any aeroplane did crash at Samshui. Though it was emphasised in our report that the story of the fate of the observer was a rumour, the fact remains that an aeroplane did crash at Samshui.

Other rumours are again going round concerning Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. It is said that he is expected here almost at any time; some even say that the reason for so many troops coming down here is that, in case of emergency in Nanking, it is Marshal Chiang's intention to come back to Canton and establish his Headquarters here.

Ironside Propaganda.

A number of circulars have been received in Canton by the various schools, guilds and public institutions, supposed to emanate from General Chiang Kai-shek, the Ironside leader, in which he pleads with the Cantonese to support him and to admit him and his troops to Canton without fighting. He makes various promises and points out that he himself is a Cantonese and wishes to establish a separate independent Government for the South.

Another rumour states that the Central Government has offered varying sums according to rank, to every officer and soldier of the Kwangsi Forces who comes over to the Cantonese side. *Our Own Correspondent.*

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FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.28 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries and E. P. Fletcher.
9.12 a.m.—G. E. Costello and B. D. Evans.
9.16 a.m.—to 9.24 a.m.—Reserved.
9.26 a.m.—H. U. Ireland and L. G. S. Dodwell.
9.30 a.m.—N. L. Smith and F. J. de Rome.
9.35 a.m.—L. R. Andrews and R. Young.
9.40 a.m.—I. W. Shewan and A. H. Ferguson.
9.45 a.m.—K. S. Robertson and W. L. Dunbar.
9.50 a.m.—D. G. MacDonald and A. E. Lissaman.
9.55 a.m.—R. D. Wrigley and O. E. C. Marton.
10.00 a.m.—J. M. Walker and T. G. Bennett.
(Above are Championship matches).
10.04 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and O. Eager.
10.08 a.m.—I. H. Geare and G. W. Sewell.
10.12 a.m.—W. A. Butterfield and H. C. Whittall.
10.16 a.m.—J. D. Kinnaird and A. MacFarlane.
10.20 a.m.—A. G. Copple and E. de Vaux.
10.24 a.m.—J. Harrop and W. Lorimer.
10.28 a.m.—J. S. Drummond and J. M. Norie.
10.32 a.m.—H. R. Sturt and H. Spicer.
10.36 a.m.—P. Morrison and D. S. Robb.
10.40 a.m.—A. R. Purves and J. S. McLaren.
10.44 a.m.—C. M. Roberts and W. D. Harris.
10.48 a.m.—R. M. Henderson and J. W. Franks.
10.52 a.m.—A. F. Judd and A. C. Meredith.
10.56 a.m.—J. H. Raikes and S. J. H. Fox.
11.00 a.m.—D. J. Gilmore and K. S. Morrison.
11.04 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and C. E. Holmes.
11.08 a.m.—W. J. S. Key and D. S. Edwards.
11.12 a.m.—D. M. Goodall and H. Hampton.
11.16 a.m.—J. S. Dykes and A. Webster.
11.20 a.m.—G. A. Howard and W. A. Staley.
11.24 a.m.—K. K. Rounds and Q. D. Brown.
11.28 a.m.—C. Thwaites and J. R. Collis.
11.32 a.m.—G. W. Reeve and J. P. Sherry.
11.36 a.m.—C. H. Bradley and H. A. Mills.
11.40 a.m.—C. B. Johnson and J. D. Humphreys.
11.44 a.m.—J. W. Alabaster and Charles Mycock.
11.48 a.m.—N. Croucher and N. R. Procter.
11.52 a.m.—J. Smith and F. M. Ellis.
11.56 a.m.—Major Beamish and T. C. Monaghan.
12.00 p.m.—K. E. Greig and Col. D. Evans.
12.04 a.m.—H. A. Lammert and S. A. Seth.
12.08 p.m.—R. Ashby and T. S. Whyte Smith.
12.12 p.m.—S. T. Butlin and A. O. Brown.
No four ball matches till 1.24 p.m.
12.52 p.m.—to 1.20 p.m.—Reserved.

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PERSISTENCE PAYS.

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SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

TARANTULA PLAY A DRAWN GAME.

Shameen, Dec. 5.

A very poor exhibition of football was provided yesterday when H.M.S. Tarantula drew with the Shameen Football Team in the Shameen Football League, there being no score.

The Tarantula had the better of the game and should have scored a number of times, but their forwards proved ineffective in front of goal. The Shameen backs failed time and again to clear the ball, and their wing halves were also very weak. The teams were:

Shameen Football Team—A. T. Lay; H. Prata, W. Nogelitz; A. Locke, J. Montalto, E. H. Shekury; Geo. Duncan, A. Wahab, F.E.W. Lammert, J. Linaker and F. Evelyn.

H.M.S. Tarantula—Bagshaw; Leeds, Driscoll; Abilt, Smith, Robinson; McKinn, Annis, Cunningham, Stoneman and Miller.

—Our Own Correspondent.

LOCAL CRICKET.

K.C.C. Teams for Saturday.

The K.C.C. teams for to-morrow are:

1st. XI c. C.R.C. at Causeway Bay.—W. Bruce (Capt), F.E. Lawrence, E.C. Fincher, F. Zimmerman, G.A.V. Hall, A.T. Lee, N.H. Ross, N. Mackay, D. Laing, H.T. Buxton and E.F. Fincher. Umpire, A.E. Silkatone; scorer, W.F. Fincher.

2nd. XI v. C.C.C. on K.C.C. ground.—B. Petheram (Capt), H. Overy, F.S.W. Smith, F. Hamblin, O.B. Raven, A.R.F. Raven, G. Lee, S. Jex, A.J. Kew, H. Marlow and R. Baldwin. Umpire, A.W. Bliss; scorer Capt. Laithwaite.

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COUNTERFEIT COINS TENDERED.

CHINESE GIVEN OPTION OF A FINE.

A fine of \$50 or one month's hard labour in default was imposed on a Chinese who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of tendering 120 counterfeit counts resembling the twenty-cent piece Chinese currency.

The defendant stated that he had received the money at the gambling houses in Macao and was not aware that they were spurious. He remarked, however, that he had twice tried to change them but was informed that they were counterfeit.

It was stated that the defendant had tendered \$24 worth of the coins to a money changer to be changed into local currency. On the money being found to be counterfeit the defendant was placed under arrest.

His Worship convicted the defendant but pointed out that there were certain features in his favour. He remarked that the accused had gone to a money changer, who was an expert and also that it was broad daylight, when detection was easier than at night.

Detective Sergeant Fowle remarked that he had been told that the defendant had been to Macao and thought that it was probably he himself had been deceived. The officer further remarked that the defendant had made no attempt to escape when being arrested.

In registering a conviction his Worship intimated that he would give the defendant the option of a fine.

THE YOUNG PLAN FAVOURED.

REICHSBANK PRESIDENT SPEAKS OUT.

Berlin, Dec. 5.

"Back to the Young Plan" is the motif of a long memorandum which Herr Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, has addressed to the Government, protesting against politicians trying to spoil what the economists have built up, condemning the attempts of the Governments of Germany and the creditor States to tamper with the recommendations of the Young Plan, and declining all responsibility for the enactment of the Young Plan if its recommendations are not respected by all countries concerned.

Herr Schacht accuses the Government of doing nothing to reorganise Germany's finances.

—Reuter.

COMMONWEALTH BANK.

Canberra, Dec. 5.

The House of Representatives has passed the third reading of the Commonwealth Bank Bill.

—Reuter.

LORD HAILSHAM IN HONGKONG.

ARRIVES FROM JAPAN ON THE RAWALPINDI.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Hailsham and Lady Hailsham arrived in Hongkong from Japan this morning by the P. and O. liner Rawalpindi. Lord Hailsham has been attending the Kyoto Conference and is staying in Hongkong for a few days with Mr. B. D. F. Bell.

Probably better known as Sir Douglas Hogg, Lord Hailsham received his baronetcy in 1928 when he was the Lord Chancellor. He was created a Privy Councillor in 1922 and made a King's Counsel in 1917.

After being educated at Eton he studied sugar growing in the West Indies and in British Guiana and was for eight years with the firm of Hogg, Curtis, Campbell and Co., West India merchants. He served in the South African War and was called to the Bar in 1902. He was Attorney General to the Prince of Wales from 1920 to 1922 and Attorney General from 1922 to 1924 and from November 1924 to 1928. He sat as Member for St. Marylebone from 1922 to 1928.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SOME OF THE TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon 1st XI v. Somerset's 1st team at Kowloon on Saturday. Kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp: Angus, Gillot, C. Pile, Hedley, Downman, Bliss, Pile, Gallaher, Moss, McKelvie (Capt.), and Miles. Reserves: Simpson and Hembert.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon 2nd XI v. Somerset's 2nd team at Kowloon on Saturday. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m. sharp: Angus, Guest, East (Capt.), Moore, Easterbrook, Dunnett, Eastman, Hannan, Nicholls, Cones and Bickford. Reserves: Seddon, Herbert, and Hawke.

The following players have been selected to represent the Hongkong F.C. versus St. Joseph's on the Club ground; kick-off at 4 p.m. to-morrow: Rodgers, Wallington, Holmes, Gilchrist, Stewart, Watson, Alexander, Davies, Reid, Railton and Trambak.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over the Sea of Japan. The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Fouchow but will remain fresh over the China Sea. A depression is crossing the Visayas in a westerly direction. It will probably develop into a typhoon in the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

THE "INVASION" OF HONGKONG.

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will not be made known for some time.

Their most difficult task came when the attacking forces came up with the defenders and were engaged by machine guns. It was for the umpires to decide whether the gunfire of the defenders was superior to that of the attackers, a by no means easy task.

With the early morning light, the Royal Air Force joined in the battle. Planes zoomed overhead, sweeping down very low, in order to be seen by the umpires, and their "nationality" made out. Most of the planes came from H.M.S. Hermes, the aircraft carrier, which was anchored off the beaches where the attackers landed.

Headquarters Attacked.

The umpires and officers of the General Staff made their headquarters at Deepwater Bay, and it was at this point that a fierce battle raged in the early stages of the fight. Attacking soldiers took up positions amongst the bushes around the clubhouse, and after a struggle made their way across the golf course and up the hill-sides. Aided by their planes they then silenced the defending machine guns.

At this stage it is quite impossible to give an indication as to who "won" the battle this morning, but it is understood that the casualties of the attackers were very high. The manoeuvres concluded shortly before 10 a.m., when the troops were recalled and the warships left for harbour.

Units which took part in the tactical training were:—The Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, Somerset Light Infantry, R.A.M.C., R.A.S.C., Signals, and members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which worked in conjunction with the R.A.M.C.

It is believed that three soldiers were injured while scaling the hills during the advance this morning. They were treated by the R.A.M.C. field ambulance, who announced that the injuries were not serious.

A most enjoyable concert for children, arranged by Mrs. Bellamy and Mrs. Scott Little, took place at the Helena May Institute last night. There were some very novel and entertaining items, in which Mrs. D. J. Valentine, Mrs. Bellamy and Mr. R. A. Green figured, being assisted by A. Goodman, H. Bonenfant, G. Lloyd Jones, Beryl Goldenburg, George Jowitt, Colin Quin, Rachel Wong, Stella Ho, Marjorie Simpson, Mary Frances Wallace, David Choy, Audrey Newhouse, Patricia Little, Doreen Bowes-Smith and John Bowes-Smith. The event was a huge success. Mrs. Scott Little and Mme. Bonenfant were the accompanists.

CONFERENCE "MEETS" IN TEN TOWNS.

SPEECHES BROADCAST ON TELEPHONE.

Members of the Institution of Electrical Engineers in different towns and cities have been able to take part in a conference at the London headquarters, owing to a trunk-line experiment carried out with the help of the G.P.O.

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BOXING CITY HALL.

Saturday, December 7th

Commentary at 9.15 p.m.

Heavy Weight Championship of the Colony

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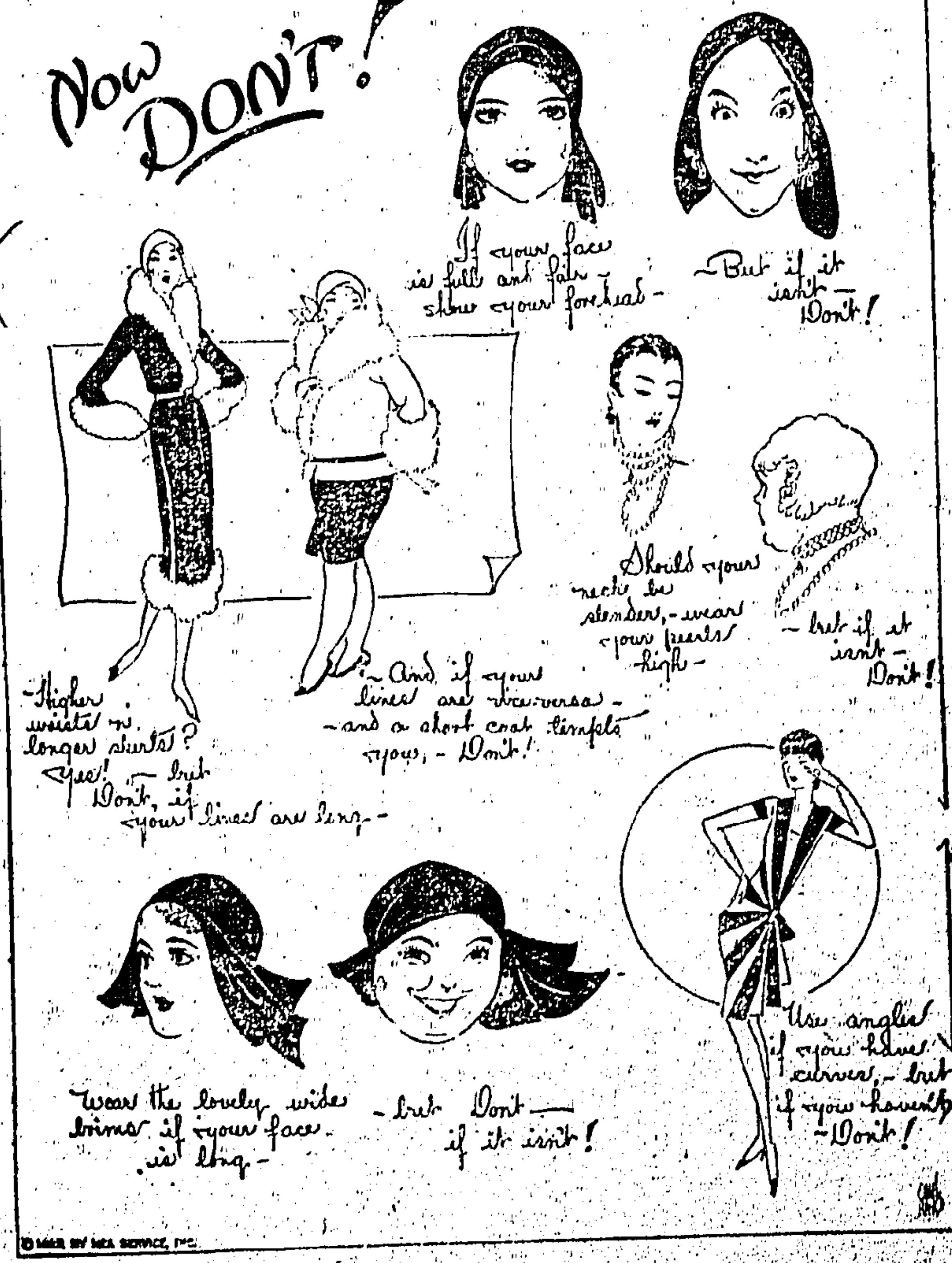
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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

LIQUOR LAW AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

FIVE NEW BILLS.

Five new Bills, introduced by the Attorney General, passed their first reading at a meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., presided, and others present were:

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. J. Breen).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Retired (Harbour Master).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow.

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Dr. S. W. Ta'o, C.B.E., LL.D.

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS.

Amendment of Public Health and Buildings Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903." He said: Clause 2 of this Bill when it becomes law will place on the Sanitary Board the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services. He will there take the place of the Medical Officer of Health. The object of that is to give the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services first hand knowledge of the workings of the Board and the Department in order to assist him in the recommendations which he will make later to the Government on the question of public health administration in the Colony.

Clause 3 of the Bill deals with a subject which has already been partly dealt with in a recent Ordinance. That Ordinance transferred from the Imports and Exports Department to the Sanitary Board the control of eating houses but it failed to give the Sanitary Board power to prescribe licence fees. That omission is now being supplied by section 3 of this Ordinance.

The next two clauses of the Bill—clauses 4 and 5—are rather technical but I shall try to explain them, or rather the main points, as shortly as possible. These two clauses amend two sections in the principal Ordinance, sections 188 and 189. These two sections deal with the question of the height of buildings. It has long been recognised that these two sections are defective. In the first place there is a very unfortunate confusion between the use of the word "front" and the use of the word "abut." Abut of course means to touch. A house may front on a street but may not abut on it. On the other hand, a house may abut on a street but may not front on that street but on some other street. Another defect of these two sections is that they contain no specific provision for houses on corner sites and houses which adjoin more than one street.

First of all, as regards the confusion between the two ideas of fronting and abutting, Section 188 of the principal Ordinance contains the rules dealing with the limitation of the height of buildings. For example, no building on land leased from the Crown after the commencement of the principal Ordinance may be erected to a height exceeding the width of the adjoining street. I use the word "adjoining" as being a more or less colourless word, and I am purposely avoiding the words "abut" and "front." That section then gives the rules for the height of buildings. Section 189 provides for the method of measuring their height, not always a simple or easy matter. Now section 188, which deals with the height of buildings, speaks of buildings fronting on streets. Section 189, which gives the method of measuring height, speaks only of buildings abutting on streets and one effect of that is this, that if you have a house merely fronting and not abutting on a street you have got no method at all of measuring the height of that building. You have rules of height if you could only measure it but you have no means of measuring it.

The first proposal was to use the same word "front" in both these sections, but it was found that that was not practicable because, for example, on the Peak a house may front on a very narrow road or a very narrow path, which is technically a street, and may have plenty of light and air all round

it, but it would be limited in its height by the width of that very narrow Peak road or path. We decided therefore to use in both sections the word "abut," so that we shall have in future, after these two clauses become law, one section giving the rules for the height of buildings abutting on streets and the other section giving the means of measuring the height of buildings abutting on streets. That, of course, will still leave unprovided for the case of houses which do not abut on streets at all and the method which has been adopted in these two sections to deal with that case is to give discretion to the Building Authority to determine the height of the building in such a case. That is not so drastic or dictatorial as it sounds because it is provided that in exercising that discretion the Building Authority must not insist on a lower height than would be possible if the house had actually abutted and not only fronted on the street, so that the discretion given to him will be one exercised in the interests of the building owner and will be in the direction of allowing a greater height than would have been possible if the house had actually abutted on the street.

These two clauses, Sir, also deal with other defects of the existing sections in that they provide for the special cases of buildings on corner sites and buildings which adjoin more than one street. Rules are given for the calculation of the height in both these cases.

The other provisions of the Bill are not, I think, of general importance. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

Branch Registers to be Kept in United Kingdom.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911." He said: The principal object of this Bill is to enable China companies—that is, companies registered under our Companies Ordinance but having their principal places of business in China—to keep branch registers in the United Kingdom or in any British possession, although they carry on no business in that place where the branch register is to be kept. This privilege was asked for by the commercial community in Shanghai and has been approved by the British authorities in China and by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

This also provides for something which has already existed in practice in the Colony. It provides for the list of authorised auditors of Companies' accounts being divided into two parts, one for persons qualified to audit accounts kept in English and the other for persons qualified to audit accounts kept in Chinese. It also provides that if a company keeps its accounts partly in English and partly in Chinese, it must have its English accounts audited by an English auditor—an auditor in the section dealing with accounts kept in English—and its Chinese accounts audited by a Chinese auditor. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Number of Exempted Persons to be Limited.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900." He said: This Bill deals with a number of separate points. Clauses 2 and 3 which amend the definitions of the terms arms and ammunition, have been introduced chiefly in order to deal with the subject of gas ammunition and weapons intended for discharging gas ammunition.

Clause 4 alters considerably the present definition of exempted persons. That class of exempted persons who are entitled to carry arms without a licence is a large one at present and the result is that the police have no record at all of a great quantity of firearms kept in the Colony. Unfortunately persons entitled to possess firearms do not always keep them with sufficient care. Arms get stolen and may be used for unlawful purposes. It is desirable to keep control of firearms as strict as possible and one way in which that policy will be pursued will be by limiting the number of exempted persons. The new list of exempted persons is contained in clause 4 of the Bill.

Clause 5 is an attempt to carry out the same policy of greater restriction in the number of persons entitled to possess arms and in the formation of the register of persons who are allowed to carry arms. Clause 6 deals with the question of arms on board ship amongst other things. At present the general provision is that the owner or master of any vessel may have on board such arms and ammunition as are reasonably necessary for the protection of such vessel, which, of course, is sufficiently vague. Subsection 3 of the proposed new section 4 will take out of that exemp-

tion vessels which regularly ply within what one may call the possible piracy area, between Singapore and Vladivostok. Such vessels will not be allowed to carry arms by pleasure but only will be allowed to carry such arms as they may be licensed to have by the head of the police force here. That prohibition, of course, will apply while the vessel is in the waters of the Colony and until it leaves those waters. That I think will not be found to be a burden on shipping or inconvenient because a similar control was exercised during the currency of the Piracy Prevention Ordinance when the arms supplied on board were all registered and known to the police.

The Bill also makes certain alterations in the principal Ordinance in order to introduce the new title of Inspector General of Police which is to be given to the head of the Hongkong Police Force, and as it introduces that new title and certain other new titles of subordinate police officers into the principal Ordinance, clause 10 proposes to postpone the commencement of this Ordinance until the 1st of January when the new titles to which I have referred will come into use under the Police Force Ordinance recently passed. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

LAND RESUMPTION.

Interest on Compensation Awarded.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900." He said: At present the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance of 1900 provides that any compensation awarded for land taken under the Ordinance shall bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the date of resumption of land until payment. It is quite reasonable that the owner of the land who has been excluded from his land and has not yet received his compensation money should receive interest until he is able to collect the compensation money. It does not seem reasonable that by the simple expedient of not applying for his money or through some carelessness, he should be able to make that interest at the liberal rate of 8 per cent run on against the Government indefinitely. The object of this Bill is to fix a time after which interests will not run. It provides that when an award is made a Gazette notice shall specify a time within which the compensation is to be paid. If the claimant fails to apply within that time, the money will be paid into the Treasury and will cease to bear interest. The owner of the land will still be able to apply for the money but interest will not run against the Government after that date. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

DEPORTATION ORDINANCE.

New Form of Order to be Introduced.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1917." He said: The object of this Bill is to amend subsection 2 of section 3 of the principal Ordinance so as to make it agree with the form of the corresponding provision in the Aliens Order, 1920, which is in force in the United Kingdom. It makes certain consequential alterations in the principal Ordinance, one being the provision of a new form of Deportation Order which shall not include any statement of the grounds on which the order has been made, but which does contain a statement of the particular sub-section of section 3 under which it has been made. That new form will apply to the whole of the new sub-section 3 and not only to section 2. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

NEW LIQUOR LAW.

Principle of British Law and Justice.

During the course of the Committee stage of the Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall proposed the deletion of the proposed new section 87A. He said:

Sir, I beg to move that the proposed new section 87A be deleted. I submit that this section is contrary to the spirit of English jurisprudence. As I understand it, no person, except as a witness in a properly constituted tribunal, is compelled by law to give information. According to Halsbury, volume 13, page 574, even a witness before such a tribunal "may refuse to answer a question on the ground that the answer may tend to incriminate him, that is, may tend to expose the witness, or his husband or wife of the witness, to any kind of criminal charge or to any kind of penalty or forfeiture."

The proposed section takes no cognisance of this well-known law of privilege extended to witnesses. Very often the man who is asked for information in these matters

is the man who is likely in the end to get into trouble. He is here compelled to answer any question, even though the answer may tend to incriminate him. Again, as the section is worded, any person not in the liquor trade, who the Superintendent may believe to be in possession of information required by him, would be liable to give such information on pain of a penalty. To my mind, the system is open to serious objections.

The hon. the learned Attorney General, in introducing the Bill, pointed out that though the proposed power is perhaps a little unusual, it has a precedent in the Tobacco Ordinance which has apparently worked satisfactorily for the last thirteen years. It seems to me that the fact that the power already exists in another Ordinance is not sufficient reason for its multiplication. I hope that when the Tobacco Ordinance comes to be amended, opportunity may be taken to repeal the relevant section. The existence of such a law on our Statute Book is to say the least of it, very undesirable.

The Hon. Attorney General also said that in the proposed Bill two restrictions have been added which, in his opinion, to relieve anyone of the fear that the section might have an injurious effect.

The first restriction is that the power is given only to the Superintendent and to such revenue officers as the Superintendent may authorise in writing for the purpose. The second restriction is that the power shall not extend to the questioning of any person who has been charged under the Ordinance with any offence, or in whose case the Superintendent has decided to prosecute under the Ordinance. I submit, with due deference, that these restrictions do not remove the objections. Whether the power is restricted to certain officials or not, the fact remains that it violates the fundamental principle of British law and British justice. The second restriction is no sufficient protection to the public because even though the Superintendent may not have decided to prosecute at the time when he puts the questions, the answers to his questions may incriminate a person, which may lead to his prosecution. I beg, therefore, to propose that the section be deleted.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Sir, I much regret to say that I do not agree with the view which has been expressed by my hon. friend, Dr. Kotewall. Perhaps it may be said that in a certain sense I am prejudiced in this matter because, unless my recollection fails me, as acting Attorney General last year, I was the draughtsman of this new section 87A, without the beneficial proviso at the end which have been recently added by my hon. friend, Sir Joseph Kemp. I think, Sir, in cases of trying to prevent frauds on the revenue, the great object which one should bear in mind is the question of making the law efficient and, I think, that this clause 87A tends in the direction of making the law more efficient and, therefore, I submit that as the clause stands it should be passed by this Council. It has been pointed out by the Attorney General in moving the first reading of this Bill that a precedent actually exists for such a clause in the Tobacco Ordinance of 1916. In fact the provision in 87A of this Bill is in a sense less drastic than that in the Ordinance of 1916, which has apparently worked well for the past 13 years. I therefore regret I cannot agree with the remarks of the Hon. Dr. Kotewall.

H. E. The Governor.—The amendment has not yet been seconded.

Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow.—I beg to second it.

H. E. The Governor.—Do you wish to press the amendment?

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.—I do, Sir. I am very sorry to find myself in disagreement with such a champion of the rights of the people as the senior unofficial member, but I sincerely hold the section is unnecessary and is not in accord with the ordinary rule of British law. I therefore ask for a division.

On a division, the votes were recorded as follows:—

For the amendment:—Hon. Dr. S. W. Ta'o, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow.

Against:—Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Harbour Master, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Director of Public Works, the Colonial Treasurer, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Attorney General, the Colonial Secretary.

The amendment was, therefore, lost by nine votes to five.

The Attorney General announced that the third reading would not be taken until the next meeting of the Council.

Bills Passed.

The following Bills passed, all their remaining stages and became law:

An Ordinance to amend further the Stamp Ordinance, 1921.

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hongkong of the Portuguese Province of the Jesuit Order.

An Ordinance to amend the Jesuit Order Incorporation Ordinance, 1927.

The Council adjourned until Thursday, Dec. 19th.

MACAO GOVERNOR RETURNS.

PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY'S HEARTY WELCOME.

AT CLUB LUSITANO.

The Hall Luiz de Camoes of the Club Lusitano was packed yesterday evening by members of the Portuguese community who assembled to do honour to the Governor of Macao, His Excellency Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa and his wife, on His Excellency's return from Lisbon to Macao, where he will resume the administration of the Portuguese Colony.

The Portuguese associations in the Colony—the Club Lusitano, Club de Recreio, Associação do Soccorros Mutuos, and the Liga Portuguesa—and the Catholic Union were fully represented by the presence of members of the respective committees and their ladies. The hall was simply and effectively decorated with pot palms.

In the lobby of the Club to receive Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa were, Mr. A. Cerveira d'Albuquerque e Castro, Consul-General for Portugal, and the following members of the Club Committee:—The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga (President), Messrs. M. A. Simoes (hon. secretary), E. J. de Figueiredo (hon. treasurer), A. F. B. Silva-Netto, F. J. Silva, H. R. Sequeira, and A. H. Basto. His Excellency the Governor of Macao, with whom was Mme. Tamagnini, accompanied by Capt. St. Clara Ferreira, A.D.C., and Capt. Zanatti, private secretary, were welcomed to the Club by the Committee and escorted to the hall. The official party was greeted with the national anthem played by Mr. P. N. Sequeira's band. Then followed formal introductions conducted by the President of the Club. To every member of his community Senhor Barbosa had a few words to say, and with those whom he knew before at Macao he conversed reminiscently of his younger days in the neighbouring colony.

The first address of the evening was delivered by the Portuguese Consul-General who extended to Senhor and Mme. Barbosa a warm welcome on behalf of the members of the Club Lusitano and of the entire Portuguese community in Hongkong. He said that he was deputed by the committee of the Club Lusitano to offer a very warm welcome to His Excellency and his wife on their return to Macao. It was a very great pleasure to him to perform the duty so agreeable as that with which he was charged by the committee of the Club. The duty was especially pleasing to him as he was representing all the Portuguese in Hongkong and he felt it a great honour that he should be called upon to offer a welcome to such distinguished visitors.

The speaker called for "Vivas" for the visitors, which were enthusiastically given.

Debt of Gratitude.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said: Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen.—The debt under which you, Sir, have placed the members of the Club Lusitano—indeed the entire Portuguese Community of Hongkong—is to you, such that it is almost impossible for me to find adequate expression of thanks to tender to you on behalf of the Club Lusitano. Yours has been a great achievement in the interest and for the benefit of the Portuguese Community of Hongkong by securing from the Government, of whom you are such a distinguished official, the permanency of this magnificent Club building for the members of the Club Lusitano. The duty is imposed upon me to tender to you, Sir, on behalf of the members of this Club, a humble expression of our very sincere thanks and grateful acknowledgment. (Applause.)

It is a poor return that we can make to you when we appeal to Your Excellency to concede to us the honour of being able permanently to associate your memory with this institution. We would respectfully like to ask you to accept of our request that your photograph be hung up on the wall of the Hall Luiz Camoes as that of a great benefactor and friend of this institution who should be gratefully remembered by the Portuguese of Hongkong for all time.

As a memento of the present auspicious occasion, Mme. Barbosa will, I hope, permit the members of this Club to offer a small souvenir of her visit this afternoon. (Applause.)

It is only fitting that one who has taken so much personal interest in advancing the prayers of our petition to Your Excellency with respect to this Club should be associated prominently in the gratifying ceremony on this occasion.

I will now, therefore, ask Mr. Cerveira, the Consul-General, to unveil Your Excellency's photo-

graph. To him I must also express the Club's best thanks for his helpful co-operation. (Prolonged applause.)

Cheers and applause by the enthusiastic gathering followed the unveiling by the Portuguese Consul of an enlargement of a photograph of Senhor Barbosa, which occupies a prominent position on the wall of the large hall. The photograph is a very faithful likeness of His Excellency.

As a souvenir of the occasion the members of the Club Lusitano, through their President, asked Mme. Tamagnini's acceptance of a ladies' opera glasses bearing the following inscription:—"To Madame Tamagnini. Presented by the Club Lusitano, Hongkong, 5.12.29."

Miss Marie Trigo da Roza, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. da Roza, handed Mme. Tamagnini an exquisite bouquet of flowers tied with ribbons of the Portuguese national colours.

With Mme. Tamagnini, who gracefully received the tributes of respect from the Portuguese of Hongkong, were Mme. and Mlle. Albuquerque e Castro.

His Excellency's Reply.

In replying, His Excellency said that he was much touched by the size of the gathering, which showed so much affection and regard for him, which, he said, he did not consider he merited. As for the thanks tendered to him by the Consul and President of the Club on behalf of the Club Lusitano and the Portuguese community of Hongkong, he felt that he was really not deserving of it since he was just a medium for the transmission of their petition to the Minister for Colonies at Lisbon.

His Excellency proceeded to explain the circumstances of the petition. He said that the first stage was when two years ago he received a deputation of members of the committee of the Club Lusitano in the persons of Mr. C. A. da Roza, then President, Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. E. J. de Figueiredo and Mr. M. Simoes. He was introduced on that occasion by the Consul General for Portugal. Really speaking, there was no need for them to press their petition which was to enable them to feel a sense of security in the permanency of their building which he felt happy he was instrumental in securing for them.

He recalled the fact that before he left for Portugal on the last occasion he was approached by the Hon. Mr. Braga at Macao who pressed, on behalf of the Club Lusitano, one request. Mr. Braga put it to him that he had a very urgent and reasonable request to make to the speaker and hoped for a favourable hearing. The request was one and one only and related to the Club and nothing else. Mr. Braga pleaded, on behalf of the committee and all the Club's members, that His Excellency should, when in Lisbon, plead with the Minister for Colonies on behalf of the Club so that it should be relieved of any anxiety as to its permanency. His Excellency continued that he felt he had a duty imposed upon him by such a request and he was happy to say that shortly before he left Lisbon he was assured by the Minister and by the former Governor of Macao, Mr. Correia da Silva, who was a close friend of the institution, that he could leave Lisbon with the assurance that before he reached Macao he would be advised that the prayer in the petition would be granted.

He was happy to say that on the voyage he received the good news that the petition had been granted (applause). He felt that if thanks were due they were really due to the two gentlemen he had just mentioned. In conclusion, he asked the Portuguese community of Hongkong to regard the Club as a national institution in which they should all meet and make it the home of the community (applause). He thanked the Club very sincerely for the charming memento which the members had tendered to his wife, which she would retain as a very delightful souvenir of a memorable occasion.

The Governor's speech was warmly received and heartily applauded.

The assembly, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, seconded by Mr. E. J. de Figueiredo, passed by acclamation a resolution of thanks to the Minister for Colonies at Lisbon for granting the Club's petition.

His Excellency, Senhor Barbosa, kindly undertook to transmit the resolution by telegram.

Tea was served, after which dancing started and was kept up with much enthusiasm until 3 p.m. The proceedings concluded with the Portuguese national anthem and "God Save the King."

A garden party will be held at the Club de Recreio next Saturday afternoon at five o'clock in honour of the distinguished visitors, who will leave the Colony for Macao on the following morning by the nine o'clock boat.



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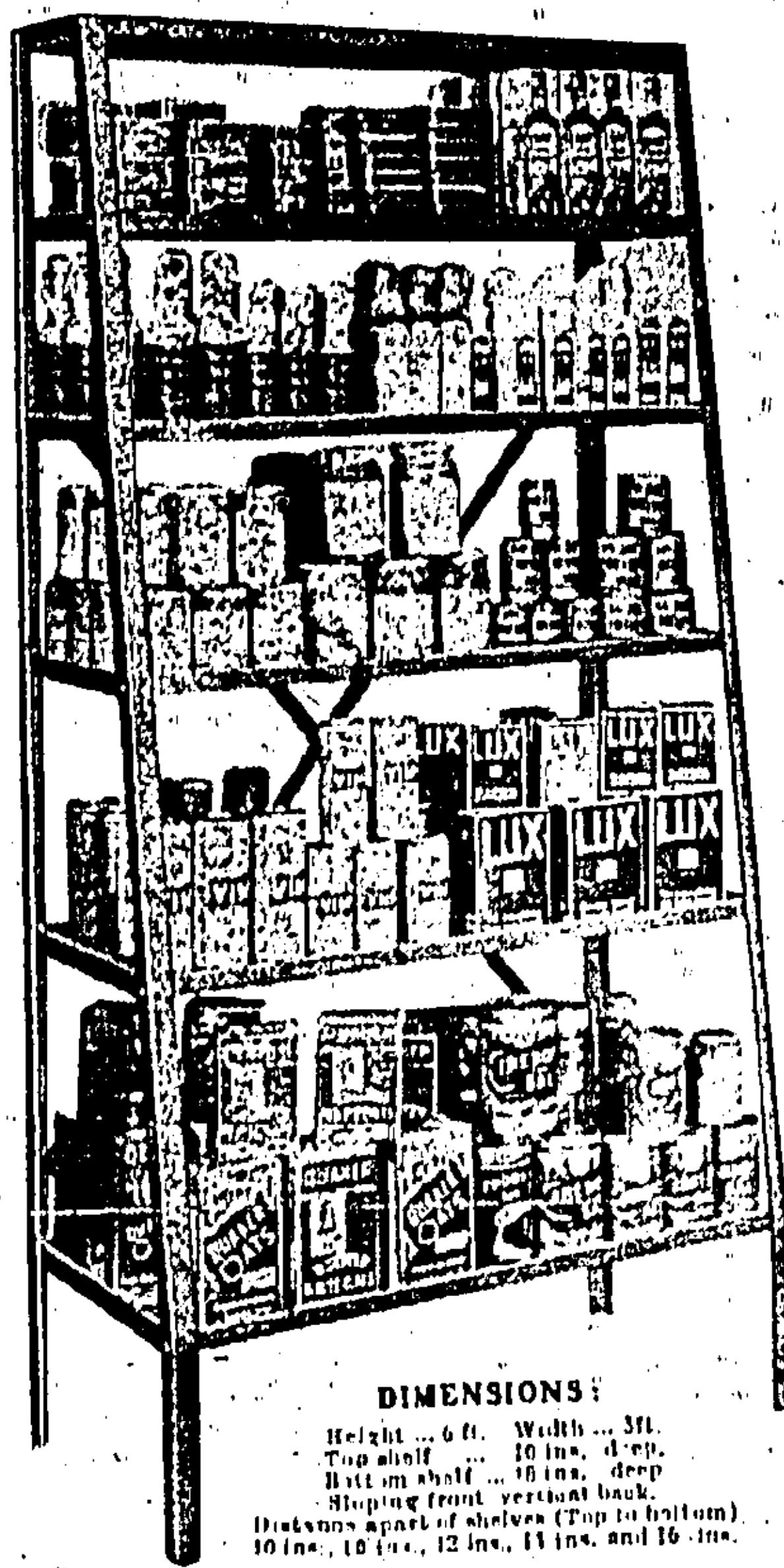
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"TALKIES" FUTURE.

Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford—the World's Sweetheart and her husband—arrived in Hongkong on board the s.s. Rajputana, yesterday afternoon, on their Far East holiday cruise, and were accorded an enthusiastic reception by a large band of admirers.

Immediately the boat had docked, it was raided by a throng of pressmen who eagerly sought out the two famous film-stars and bombarded them with questions.

Our Representative was present and he gives his impressions of the interview as under:

At 1.30 p.m. yesterday afternoon I stood on the Kowloon wharf scanning with eager eyes the decks of the great P. and O. liner s.s. Rajputana; I, in common with the remainder of the huge crowd, was anticipating with a thrill of pleasure, meeting Mary Pickford, the "World's sweetheart," and her debonair husband, Douglas Fairbanks. On getting aboard and strolling into a comfortable little compartment, already filled to overflowing with Press colleagues, I heard a musical voice behind me greeting us with "Good Morning, Good Morning." I turned quickly to see a bronzed-face figure striding into the room with that easy, but masterful gait, which every film fan has watched and admired. It was "Doug," dressed in a well-fitting grey flannel suit, blue spotted collar and tie to match, and laughing with that infectious grin that forms one of his chief characteristics. Then came that pleasant voice, again tinged with an American accent. "You want to ask me some questions? Well I am ready and you can bombard me as much as you like," he said, and then following up with a charming apology for the absence of Miss Mary Pickford.

"She had rather a bad night," he explained, "and is not feeling too grand, but she will be with us in a minute."

"Doug" sat down on a stool in front of us, and then started to converse with Mr. Gordon Lum, the Shanghai tennis player.

"At Hollywood," he said, "we play a game that is a cross between tennis and badminton, and I have had some excellent games with Tilden, Cochet, Borotra and some of the best players. The game is played with a shuttlecock, on a court which is a little smaller than a tennis court and a little larger than a badminton court. We use 10 ounce rackets and it is very fast. Two sets," added Fairbanks expressively, "and it's a perfect work-out."

"Will you have a game of tennis with us," asked Mr. Lum?

"I'd love to," replied the film star, "but I want to see Hongkong."

Future Work.

After this the reporters got in their first word. "Have you anything in view for your next production?" was asked, and "Doug" replied "No. It is possible that I shall get some ideas on this trip. That is usually the way. We think out something and then work on it when we get home."

"What do you think of the results of your film 'The Taming of the Shrew'?" was the next query, and to this the smiling Fairbanks replied: "Excellent: especially in England, because in England they are so particular about Shakespeare, that it is really a daring thing to do."

Mr. Fairbanks was very enthusiastic of the way the British critics have acclaimed the film, and at the same time expressed his dissatisfaction of the New York critics. "They have only superficial knowledge," he said, "and are simply content to describe a thing as 'marvellous.' They can't understand anything simple and direct."

In answer to a further enquiry as to his future films, "Doug" explained that they often finish a whole story and then discard it for something new. He did not know if he and Mrs. Fairbanks would be doing another picture together.

The film hero was very delighted to learn of the compliment the local theatres had paid him and Mrs. Fairbanks by putting on special programmes of their films, but when he was asked if he would like to make a public appearance at the Queen's Theatre, he made a laughing protest. "But I want to see Hongkong," he said. "In Russia we only met a few people and went to some banquets, and saw nothing of the place."

"The Talkies"

"What do you think of the 'talkies,' and do you think they

are going to last," was the question put to Mr. Fairbanks, and he replied with a quick wave of the hand and a smile "Oh, Heaven, yes. We are only at the starting point of it. Look what we can put on the screen through it: Sound, voice and colour!"

Then followed a rather daring query as to why was the American voice so frightfully difficult to understand?

"Oh," replied Douglas, "and so is English in America. If you were to take a Scotch talkie film to the middle of America, you could not expect them to understand it! Would they understand a Lancashireman?"

"No," we replied. "Well that's just it," put in our questioner with a laugh.

"Let me explain it a bit further," he continued. "The present talkie is only the advance guard to teach people who have not travelled."

"Do you think the silent film is doomed?" and the reply was "No. We are waiting for some young genius to discover how to make a talkie in the right proportion of speech and drama. Personally, I think that later the Talkie will consist of 10 to 15 per cent of dialogue, and the remainder a right proportion of colour and action. I will tell you what I have done, I don't suppose I have discovered the right formula, but I have seen Freddy Lonsdale, who is the best English dialogue writer in Hollywood, and I have got several other people and asked them to work out a scheme, to see if we can work out the proper proportion."

"If you had seen the wonderful developments of the Talkie in England, America and Germany, as I have, you would be equally as optimistic as to putting sound, speech and drama on to the screen. I have no doubts as to the future of the Talkies, but it just needs a young genius to come along with the right formula for the perfect production of sound, speech and colour."

"Why don't you make a family picture, with Mrs. Fairbanks, yourself and Fairbanks Junior?"

"Ha, ha," laughed "Doug," "not one of us would live a year if we tried to. You must have only one person at the helm," he told us in a confidential voice, "and my Junior wants to run the whole world."

Mr. Fairbanks next had to satisfy his interviewers' curiosity as to colour photography, and he was most emphatic as to the difficulty of introducing colour into films: "It is the most difficult thing in the world," he said, "and requires more experts to handle colour designs than you can think of."

Mary's Concern.

At this point, Miss Mary Pickford entered the room, greeting us with a smile of welcome. She was in a tweed dress, over which she wore a beautiful brown fur coat and a close fitting hat to match.

"Yes," she said, in reply to my query, "I prefer Talkies to the silent films, but we shortly hope to produce both talkies and silent films at the same time, although how they are going to get all the cameras working I don't know. They will have to do it on their heads," she added with a pretty laugh.

She was quite satisfied with her production of "Coquette," she said, and added that although she had voluntarily rescinded her role of the schoolgirl for the more sophisticated woman, her pictures would always remain wholesome, for she said "I owe that obligation to the mothers in every country of the world who support my films, and I don't take the slightest risk."

Referring to "Coquette" again, Mrs. Fairbanks admitted that she liked the story and she liked the casting, but it was essentially an American story and therefore more suitable to the psychology of the people of that country. The Talkies she said had made wonderful progress, and had really advanced five years in one.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks expressed delight with their trip, "Doug" stating with boyish enthusiasm "It has been a marvellous trip, and these boats are great." They were, equally as charmed with their first impressions of Hongkong and were all eagerness to see the beauty of the island and the surrounding territory.

Chinese "Boycott"

Just before I said good-bye to them, however, I asked Mr. Fairbanks what he thought of the cablegram, which the *Telegraph* had received earlier that day to the effect that the Chinese of Shanghai assured him of a warm welcome despite the threatened boycott of his master film "The Thief of Bagdad," in which he pulled the pigtail of a Mongolian. The cable added that the Chinese did not now consider that incident to be a slight on the nation.

"No, I haven't seen this," said "Doug," and then laughed out.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 49/29, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Order by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant.

Hongkong, Dec. 5.

The following units are required to proceed to Fanling Camp, Friday evening, 6th to Sunday evening, 8th December.

Machine Gun Troop, and Scottish Company.

The Corps Signals proceeded to Camp on Wednesday evening, the 4th December.

Those wishing to have their baggage sent to the camp at Fanling must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names at Corps Headquarters by 2 p.m. on Friday, 6th December.

Attention of all ranks are drawn to the fact that they must bring greatcoats to camp folded and carried in slings.

Railway Time Table.

From Kowloon to Fanling, 5.40 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening.

7.30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening.

6.40 a.m. Saturday and Sunday morning.

From Fanling to Kowloon, 5.58 p.m. Sunday evening.

The Battery will attend the R. A. Practice Camp at Tai Lam during the week-end 14th, 15th Dec. and 21st, 22nd Dec.

Corps Band.

There will be a band practice at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th Dec., at H.Q. in mufti.

The Battery.

Parade at H.Q. for gun drill on Friday, 6th Dec., at 5.30 p.m.

Transport to Camp—Transport will leave Kowloon Ferry as under:

Fridays Dec. 13 and 20, 5.45 p.m. Saturdays Dec. 14 and 21, 2.30 p.m.

Engineer Company.

Parade at Instruction Shed, Wellington Barracks, on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 5.30 p.m. for switchboard and projector practice with engine running. Dress, mufti.

All members who have not fired Parts 1 and 2 Table T, are reminded that Sunday, Dec. 15 is the last opportunity to make themselves efficient.

Corps Signals.

There will be a parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12. Dress—Mufti.

Machine Gun Troop.

The Troop will go into camp on Friday, 6th December. There will be no parades next week.

Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible on Tuesday, 10th Dec. at 5.30 p.m. at H.Q. in mufti for M.G. training.

Scottish Company.

Parade at H.Q. for machine gun instruction on Thursday, 12th Dec. at 5.30 p.m.

Portuguese Company.

Parade.—The Company will hold its next parade on Friday, Dec. 13 at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Rifles.—All rifles, properly cleaned, must be returned to stores by Dec. 13.

Sergeants Mess.

There will be a meeting of the Sergeants Mess Committee at 6 p.m. Thursday, 12th December.

Strength.

The following recruit has been taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1630 Spr. Bebbington N. J., Engineer Company, from 29.11.29.

Leave.

No. 1131 Pte. G. A. Ribeiro, No. 10 Platoon, from 14.11.29 to 13.5.30 (Sick leave).

No. 1227 Pte. L. A. Peres, No. 12 Platoon, from 14.11.29 to 13.12.29 (Sick leave).

No. 1342 Pte. G. A. V. Hall, No. 2 Platoon, from 19.11.29 to 31.12.29.

No. 1147 Cpl. G. B. Labrum, A. Car Company, having returned from leave, rejoined for duty on 30.11.29.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, MAJOR, ADJUTANT, H.K.V.D. CORPS.

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right when I showed him the cable. "I think that certain young agitators should realise the difference between a Mongolian and a Chinese," he said, and added "I love the Chinese, and one day I mean to do a great story about them."

With that we bade au revoir, but before I left the boat I saw Douglas Fairbanks in his element. He came out on to the dock and agreed to some photographing, and then suggested that the "snap-shooters" would like an action study, so with a "clear the way folk," Douglas caught hold of a perpendicular rail along the deckside and with a graceful action swung himself clean over the side of the boat and round on to the deck again in one movement. Then with a jolly laugh he joined his wife, and the two, accompanied by an admiring circle of friends, set off to see Hongkong.

STUDIO CONCERT.

BROADCAST PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The string octet of H.M.S. Hermes, Mrs. A. Rendall, Mr. Li Chor-chi, Mr. George Grimble, Mr. G. E. Longyear, Mr. H. S. Yang, and Mr. Hyde-Lay and the Musical Marauders will provide this evening's studio concert to be broadcast from ZBW. The first part of the programme will be concluded at 10.10 by the news bulletin and the concert will finish at 11.10 p.m. The full programme to be broadcast from ZBW on 365 metres appears below.

5.00-5.30 p.m. Chinese records.
5.30-7.00 p.m. Programme of Columbia records supplied by the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson.
"The Leak, Selection—Wah Ahn. Part 1 and 2."
(arr. Myddleton).
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"Salcillando,"
"La Spagnola E Marcia,"
(M. Iaconelli—B. Arcari).
"Del Bersagliere,"
Zampognari Della Provincia Di Caserta.

"St. Louis Blues," (Handy).
"Chimes,"
Sol Hoopii's Novelty Trio.

"I don't want your kisses,"
(If I can't have your love).
(Fisher and Brookes).
"Until the End,"
(Fisher, Brookes and Bonser).
Fred Rich and His Orchestra.

"Plantation Songs Fantasia,
Part 1 and 2," (G. H. Clutsam).
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"Marianne," (Turk and Ahlert).
"There must be somebody waiting for me,"
(In love land)—(Donaldson).
Clicquot Club Fiddlers.

"La Cinquantaine," (Gabriel Marie).
"Gavotte from 'Mignon,'"
(A. Thomas).
The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"L'Africain," (Meyerbeer).
"L'Elisir D'Amore—Down her soft cheek a pearl tear (Una Furvia Lagrima)," (Donizetti).
Haddie Nash.

"Sophomore Prom,"
(Greer and Klages).
"Reaching for Some One,"
(Donaldson and Leslie).
Ukulele Ike. (Cliff Edwards).

"Cavalleria Rusticana—Intermezzo,"
(Mascagni).
"Cavalleria Rusticana,"
(a) Opening Chorus
(b) Easter Hymn, (Mascagni).
The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"Girl Friend—Selection,"
(R. Rodgers).
Pianoforte Solo by Billy Mayerl.

"Oh! Kay!—Vocal Gems,"
(Graham and Gershwin).
Columbia Light Opera Company.

"Otherwise She's Mother's Kind of Girl," (Squire and Baker).
"A Tale of Other Times,"
(N. Long and L. Pounds).
Norman Long.

"The Creation—With Verdure Clad,
Part 1 and 2," (Haydn).
John Bonner with Organ.

"Marenka Polka,"
"Tango of the Death,"
(L. Cavadias) Greek Sextette.

"The Barber of Seville—Overture,
Part 1 and 2" (Rossini).
B. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orch.
7.00-8.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.

8.30-11.00 p.m. European Studio Concert.

Part One.

9.30 p.m. The String Octet of H.M.S. Hermes (by kind permission of the Captain and Officers) will play:—

(a) Patrol "Fountain Brigade," (Middleton).
(b) Tango "Romero,"
9.35 p.m. Mrs. A. Rendall

"Roschud," (F. Drummond).
Accompanist, Mr. George Grimble.
9.44 p.m. Mr. Li Chor Chi

(Tenor) will sing:—
"Serenata," (Toselli).
Accompanist, Mr. G. E. Longyear.

Violin Obligato, Mr. H. S. Yang.
9.52 p.m. The "Musical Marauders,"
in Syncopated Harmony.

10.00 p.m. Mr. Hyde-Lay
(Baritone) will sing:—
"Hinton and Dinton and Mers,"
(Holiday).

Accompanist, Mr. George Grimble.
10.8 p.m. The String Octet of H.M.S. Hermes will play:—
(a) Selection "The Show Boat," (Kern).

(b) Violin Duet "Herd Girl's Dream," (Saundbould).
10.16 p.m. News bulletin.

Part Two.

10.25 p.m. The String Octet of H.M.S. Hermes will play:—
March "Wounded Friend," (Middleton).

10.30 p.m. Mr. Li Chor Chi
(Tenor) will sing:—
"La Serenata," (Toselli).

Accompanist, Mr. G. E. Longyear.
Violin Obligato, Mr. H. S. Yang.
10.37 p.m. Mrs. A. Rendall

(Soprano) will sing:—
"Break O' Dav," (Sanderson).
Accompanist, Mr. George Grimble.

10.45 p.m. The "Musical Marauders," in Syncopated Harmony.

10.58 p.m. Mr. Hyde-Lay
(Baritone) will sing:—
"Down Vaucell Way," (Hollor).
Accompanist, Mr. George Grimble.

11.00 p.m. The String Octet of H.M.S. Hermes will play:—
Selection "Madame Butterfly,"
11.10 p.m. Close down.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB "A" BEAT CORNWALL
SECOND FIFTEEN.

The match played on the Club
ground yesterday afternoon started
late, the Club's opponents being late
this time. However, it was possible
to get in some fairly good Rugby in
the limited time allowed. Neither
side played "great" football; but there
was that spirit of keenness through-
out the game that characterizes the
handling of the game to-day, and a number
of those playing will develop into good
backs and forwards.

Club—Fox, Coppin, Woodman,
Holmes, Skinner, Wade, Black,
Henry, Sutcliffe, Laidlaw, Beaumont,
Riddell (Capt.), Burnell, Peers, But-
tress.

Cornwall 2nd.—Stabb, Brinkworth,
Waldron, Mr. Angus, Rubjohn, Davis,
Porter, Lt. MacLean, S/Lt. Stigley,
Gullin, Penelope, Harris, Hoffmeyer.
Griffiths, Mackerell, and had the
best of the first scrum the ball coming
out cleanly, and Davis got away from
Porter's good pass, but held on too
long, a fault that was present with
him right through the game. A
"gift" try soon came the way of the
Club, Holmes taking a good pass
from Wade, making a good dash
running fast to pass to Skinner when
about to meet the Cornwall back, for
the former to run in easily for a try.
Skinner ran round well to get be-
tween the posts before touching down.
Holmes had an easy kick for the extra
points, and made no mistake.

The Cornwall forwards got away
from the kick-off, but a long kick by
Davis fell into Fox's hands, and the
latter found a good touch. After
some midfield play, several scrums
and line-outs, the Cornwall forwards
got away, but Fox very coolly found
touch when hard-pressed. Waldron
got away on the right, but a forward
pass to Brinkworth spoiled the move-
ment. After Holmes had got away
in the centre, he punted ahead, but
Stabb fielded well and found touch at
half-way. The Club forwards made
ground, and got into the Cornwall
twenty-five, where some forward
play, and some good passing sent the
ball out to Coppin, who made a very
smart run in. Holmes' kick failed,
but made amends a moment later in
kicking a good punt to touch.

The Club were soon on the mark
from the kick-off after the interval,
but the Cornwall made a very fine
rush up the field, which was relieved
by Henry, who ran down to half-way
with a splendid run more reminiscent
of a three-quarter. After some play
in midfield, the Cornwall backs got
away on two occasions, but forward
passes stopped the movements. The
Club pressed, and got within the Navy
twenty-five, and Holmes was sent
away, to be pulled down when almost
on the line. From the subsequent
scrum, the Cornwall forwards carried
the ball into the Club twenty-five, and
a line-out gave Griffiths the chance
to get through with a beautiful for-
ward run very near the touch. The
kick for goal failed.

The Cornwall made several fine
rushes down the field, and one of them
was well stopped by Coppin, who took
the ball at his feet. A half-way
play ran from one end to the other,
neither side being able to score
though good kicks by Skinner, and a
run through a number of forwards
and backs by Henry made the game
more interesting. The Cornwall side
were handicapped by having several
of the regulars of their second fifteen
away at Camp, but put up a good
show, nevertheless.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

INDIAN R. C. 1ST XI v
UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the
I.R.C. 1st XI in a League match
against the University on Saturday
at Sookunpoo at 2 p.m. (sharp): A.
A. Rumball (Capt.), J. S. A. Curcum,
A. el Arculli, A. H. Madar, A. K.
Mina, A. R. Mina, O. Imani, S. A.
Imani, A. S. Saffad, M. R. Abbas and
T. Haniel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Rentals.

[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—The report published of the
Committee meeting of the Property
Owners' Association in this morn-
ing's issue is of great interest.

There is no doubt that much
labour has been spent in some
quarters to cultivate an impression
that rents are playing an im-
portant part in determining the
prosperity of trade in the Colony.
The attack on the Hongkong dollar
has apparently ceased and it is the
Hongkong landlord who has now
come in for his share of mud-
slinging.

With the object of requesting
the Government to introduce legisla-
tion for the purpose of curtailing
rents, a number of Chinese business
men have been holding weekly meet-
ings and passing resolutions. That
opinion has been expressed that as
merchants are suffering from trade
depression, house owners should do
something to manifest their
sympathy, preferably by reducing
rents, helping thus to lessen the
merchants' unbearable burden. If
owners should refuse to come for-
ward of their own accord, and no
self-respecting owner could possibly
refuse, then they might be per-
suaded to see the error of their
ways by a combined effort on the
part of indignant merchants to
seek new premises. If this method
ever fails or if it proves too un-
profitable for tenants to pursue
owing to the many valuable fittings
they have to leave behind, then it
is for the Government to introduce
a new Ordinance to provide for the
creation of what has been termed
a "Fair Rents Board." Whether
all or any of these measures are
practicable only time can tell.

Merchants, however, are not to
be blamed if in their concern for
restoring the sole object of their
devotion to normality, they oc-
casionally over-reach themselves
and tread on other people's toes.
They are only to be pitied, as many
a remedy devised by themselves has
been tried, but no signal success
has been in sight. They have re-
membered to put the cause of de-
pression down to every thing and
to every one else, but they have
managed to forget that perhaps it
is with their very own selves that
they have to contend.

Whether a merchant succeeds or
not in his business is certainly not
due to the amount of rent which his
landlord demands from him. If he
finds the premises he is occupying
too costly for his purpose, it is
time for him to think of retrench-
ment and to seek others less costly.
He must remember it is not the
rapacious landlord who fixes the
amount of rent to be paid; it is
rather the rapacious tradesman who
finds it profitable to offer the land-
lord so much more in order to out-
bid a more formidable and successful
rival.

In short, the amount of rent
which can be obtained from a house
depends directly on the number of
persons who desire that house. If
there is a plentiful supply of the
kind of houses wanted, there will be
competition in letting and rents
tend to come down. If on the con-
trary, the supply of the kind of
houses wanted is limited, there will
be competition in hiring and the
tendency is for rents to go up. Ap-
plying this simple rule to Hong-
kong, one can see why rents have on
the whole come down since 1925,
although in the Central district,
where the demand is for the busi-
ness type of house, rents have not

GARRISON NEWS.

ARMY TEAM CHOSEN FOR
LAI WAH CUP.

The Army team to meet the
Civilian in the Lai Wah Cup has
been chosen, and will be as follows:
Fletcher, Oliver, Reevs, Everett,
West, Joyce, Rayson, Stocks, Gill,
Bewleybull, Butcher.

Some may criticize several of the
choices for the side. The reserves for
the Army side will be drawn from
Sharma, Knapp, Skiggs, McGlinchey,
Haywood, Davey, Denmead, and
Alexander.

Navy Matches.

A friendly match between Marazion
and Iroquois was drawn yesterday
afternoon, with a score of two goals
each. Teams:

Marazion.—Martin, Ward, Swift,
Durham, Keen, White, Richardson,
Milton, Tigwell, Mr. Bunt, Pauley.
Iroquois.—Wyatt, Lt. Hammond,
Nobes, Warden, Evans, Watson;
Brough, Paterson, Allison, Hillier,
Ball.

Martin had hard work to clear a
shot from Bell in the opening minutes,
but play went to the other end, for
Marazion to force an unproductive
corner. Play veered from one end
to the other, and Iroquois were the
first to score, Brough making ground,
and shooting hard for a good goal.
Tigwell, who was in good position,
missed a splendid opportunity,
shooting straight at Wyatt. Iro-
quois netted soon afterwards,
Bell putting in a nice pass to
Allison, who sent through Martin. A
moment later, the scores were level
again, Tigwell heading in from a
corner-kick. Midfield play character-
ized the rest of the game, with rushes
and raids on each side, except that
Pauley made his side's second goal,
passing to Tigwell, who had no dif-
ficulty in scoring.

A China Fleet Football League
Match at Happy Valley yesterday
afternoon between Cornflower and
Petersfield ended in a win for the
latter by the only goal scored. Wells
scored the only goal of the match,
which was cleanly and keenly con-
tented.

Hockey.

In an Inter-Part Match of I.H.S.
Kent, Communications drew with the
Top-men, a score of three goals each
being the measure of both sides.
Ewart, Ford and Legge, scored for
Communications, and Cartwright got
two, and Snow one, for the Top-men.

FORTY STRONG.

AMERICA'S DELEGATION TO
THE NAVAL CONFERENCE.

Washington, Dec. 5.
The American delegation to the
naval conference at London will
sail on January 10, aboard the
Bremen.
The personnel is forty, the
largest sent to Europe since the
Versailles peace conference.—
Reuter's American Service.

shown much appreciable difference.
It is clear then that if there is a
great demand for property in the
Central district, rents in this
locality must necessarily remain
high and will continue to be high
until either the supply is augmented
by the erection of taller and
more commodious buildings or by
the expansion of the existing busi-
ness area, or the demand is
diminished by merchants re-adjust-
ing their office requirements.
There is thus no justification for
alleging that succour to the trade
of the colony could be brought by
the control or reduction of rents.
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including date of arrival, will be
subject to rent.All claims must be sent to the
undersigned before the Thursday, the
12th December, 1929, or they will not
be recognised.Damaged packages must be left
in the Godowns for examination by
the consignees, and the Company's
Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 9th
December, 1929.No claims will be admitted after
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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1929.

STEAMER'S CREW.

TWENTY-FOUR SURVIVORS
FROM NORWICH CITY.Wellington, N.Z., Dec. 5.
Twenty-four survivors, including
the three men rescued by the
s.s. Tronget yesterday, have been
rescued from the steamer Norwich
City, including the master.The eleven previously reported
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BACK FROM THE RHINE

BRITISH EVACUATION VERY
NEARLY COMPLETE.

London, Dec. 5.

The last units of the British
army on the Rhine will be home next
week.The evacuation will practically
be completed by next Thursday,
when Lieutenant General Sir Wil-
liam Thwaites leaves with his staff,
after paying the necessary compli-
ments. A small final party of de-
tails leaves on December 13.—*British
Wireless*.

A JUNK PIRACY.

RELATED REPORT BY MASTER
OF VICTIMISED VESSEL.The adventures of a junk which
was pirated at Bias Bay when on
the way to Hongkong are described
in a report made to the Water Police
yesterday by Chan Fat, of Kit Shek,
the owner and master.He states that the junk, which is
of about 120 piculs in capacity,
left Kat Chi on the 15th of last
month with a crew of four men and
a cargo of 14 pigs and set sail for
Hongkong. At half past four on
the following afternoon, when in
Bias Bay, off Tai Sin mountain, an-
other junk overtook them and made
fast alongside. It contained 13
men who spoke Hakka dialect, who
were armed with six Mauser pistols,
five rifles and one revolver. The
boat was painted black and had two
masts.Four pirates boarded the cargo
junk, three being armed with
Mauser pistols and one carrying a
revolver. They demanded money,
searched the master and crew, and
then drove them to the forehold,
where they were bound with ropes,
after which the hold cover was placed
in position.The report continues that the
pirates then sailed their capture in
an unknown direction and on the
afternoon of November 18 the
master heard sounds which indicated
that the pigs, his own property,
were being unloaded. The crew re-
mained in the hold until nine o'clock
on the morning of November 21
when the hatch cover was removed
and they were released by fisher-
men.When they reached the dock, the
master saw that they were lying at
anchor near a sandy beach about
eight miles from San Mun Customs
Station but there was no sign of
the pirate junk. He found that the
cargo of pigs, valued at \$140 had
been stolen, together with money,
clothing and other articles includ-
ing an anchor and chain.They set sail and reached Sai-
kung (British Territory) where
they begged food from fishermen,
and on November 22 they arrived
at Shaokwan. No report was
made to the Police until Monday
last, when the master met an un-
known Chinese who, on being in-
formed that the master was a
Roman Catholic, took him to see a
European Priest who gave him a
letter to take to the Captain
Superintendent of Police.JUDGE SENDS JURY
BACK 3 TIMES.CHEF WHO WOUNDED
WAITRESS SENT TO GAOL.Three times the Recorder sent
back a Southern jury to recon-
sider their verdict recently.A chef, Thomas Finne, was
charged with wounding a wait-
ress, Stella Clark.He said he was walking with
her, when she told him she did
not want to have anything to
do with him. He tried to cut his
throat with a razor, but she went
to wrest the razor away and so
was cut on the finger.It was explained to the jury
that even if Finne were trying
to take his life, that was an
illegal act; and, if Miss Clark
was injured, the offence was still
one of wounding.In the result Finne was found
guilty and sentenced to a month
in the second division.FUGITIVE WANTED
FOR MURDER.LOCAL EXTRADITION
PROCEEDINGS.Unusual features were present-
ed in an extradition case com-
menced before Mr. E. W. Hamilton
at the Central Magistracy yester-
day afternoon, when it was stated
that a man for whose return to
Canton the application was being
made, had escaped from a Canton
prison after being tried and con-
demned to death by a military
court on charges of murder and
armed robbery.The prisoner worked as a coolie
at the Grand Theatre at Wanchai
until his arrest on October 31
last, on information from the Can-
ton police. It is now alleged that
he had been in the prison for three
months before different
Courts at Canton, he was put in
prison, from which while awaiting
execution, he was liberated by the
Communists during their coup two
years ago.Detailing the case, Mr. L. R. An-
drews, for the Crown, said that
the murder, which Au Ying, the
fugitive, was alleged to have com-
mitted occurred on April 27, 1927
at Au Chuen Village, in the dis-
trict of Nam Ho, Kwangtung
Province.The murdered person was a wo-
man, 38 years of age, living with
her mother in the village. The
mother was not coming down to
Hongkong to give evidence in the
case, as she was a rather elderly
person and had bound feet. It
was a pity that she was not coming
down, because she was a very
material witness, commented Mr.
Andrews.

Blood on Sleeve?

The principal witness was a
gardener who, on the day of the
murder, was working in his mas-
ter's garden adjoining the house
where the murder took place.
While thus occupied, he saw the
fugitive get over the dividing wall,
carrying a bundle under his arm.
The fugitive was wearing a sing-
let, and on the right sleeve was
a large splash of what appeared
to be blood. From his girdle a
dagger or knife was protruding.
The fugitive, continued Mr.
Andrews, was a soldier, and at
that time was without a billet.
The gardener heard no scream or
shout for help, but his suspicions
were aroused, and he went to the
house next door. He met the mo-
ther of the woman who was mur-
dered, coming out of the house
carrying the body in her arms and
uttering cries of "save life." There
were multiple injuries on the body,
and life was extinct.The gardener raised the alarm
and the Village Volunteers turned
out and raided the house where
the defendant had been living. He
was not to be found, and the
village elders, after considerable
deliberation, offered a reward of
\$400 for his arrest.

Arrested on Junk.

A few days afterwards informa-
tion was received by General Li
Fuk-lam, the then military chief of
Honam's forces, that the fugitive
was in hiding on a junk at Shek-
ki. By order of General Li, the boat
was raided and the defendant was
found and arrested. He went
through a formal trial by the mili-
tary tribunal of Honam by orders
of General Li, and was then hand-
ed over to the Civil Courts and
again tried. He was then handed
over to Marshal Li Chai-sum and
again tried and sentenced to death
on November 23, 1927. While
awaiting execution, the "Red" ris-
ing occurred and he was released
by the Communists with other
prisoners.Nothing was known of the
fugitive's movements from that
date until his arrest at the Grand

PUKOW MUTINY.

REBELS DIGGING IN
AT WUYI.Shanghai, Dec. 5.
It is understood that the Pukow
rebels are digging in at Wuyi.
Shih Yu-san, chairman of the An-
hui Assembly, is now reliably
reported, is heading the rebels,
with headquarters at Pengpu.The mutiny has been extended
to the sixty-fourth Division in
north Kiangsu and the second
Mixed Brigade at Shantung, bring-
ing the total number of revolters
up to 30,000.Chiang Kai-shek is rushing all
available troops from Nanking to
the Pukow front.Parts of the Third, Fifth and
Sixth Divisions have crossed the
Yangtze and Chiang Kai-shek's
foreign trained "Special Army"
left for Pukow to-day. The fact
that they have been sent to the
front is evidence that the situation
is regarded as serious.It is considered significant in
some quarters that Chao Tai-wen,
Yen Hsi-shan's representative, left
for Shanghai from Nanking yester-
day.—*Reuter*.

Hankow, Dec. 5.

It is reported from upriver that
the troops who recently revolted
in south Hunan and south-west
Hupei, clashed with the Govern-
ment forces near Ichang, in the
vicinity of which fighting is taking
place.H.M.S. Aphis and H.M.S. Lady-
bird were fired upon, but suffered
no casualties.It is reported that H.M.S. Bee
hurriedly left for Ichang from
here yesterday evening.—*Reuter*.News received in the Colony yester-
day stated that Liu, in Hupei,
had been taken by anti-Govern-
ment forces, who were said to be
advancing on Ichang.Liu is situated some thirty miles
down the river from Ichang.

Theatre, Wanchai.

Evidence of Chinese Trials.

Mr. Andrews, remarked that in
the absence of the mother of the
dead woman, who would have been
able to give very material evi-
dence, the case was rather thin.
He mentioned that at the three
trials which the fugitive under-
went at Canton, the gardener,
their only available witness, was
present, and he could speak as to
what happened during those three
different proceedings.Mr. Hamilton said he was
dubious as to whether they could
admit the facts relative to the
fugitive's Chinese trials and con-
viction into the case. Finally,
after discussion with the Assistant
Crown Solicitor, his Worship ruled
that they could not admit state-
ments from the witness relative to
the Chinese trials and conviction
as evidence on the charges upon
which the present extradition pro-
ceedings were based.Evidence was then given by the
gardener, Au Piu, who bore out
the Crown statement of the facts
connected with the murder, and
said the fugitive was a clansman
whom he had known since child-
hood. He had no occupation,
lived in the village on and off, and
made frequent visits to Canton.The defendant stated that "al-
though he knew Au Piu, pretty
well, he had not been to their na-
tive village for 18 years. He de-
clared that he was in Hongkong on
the day in question, and asked for
permission to call witnesses from
the Grand Theatre to prove his
alibi.To enable the fugitive to do so,
and the police to produce other
witnesses if they could, the Magis-
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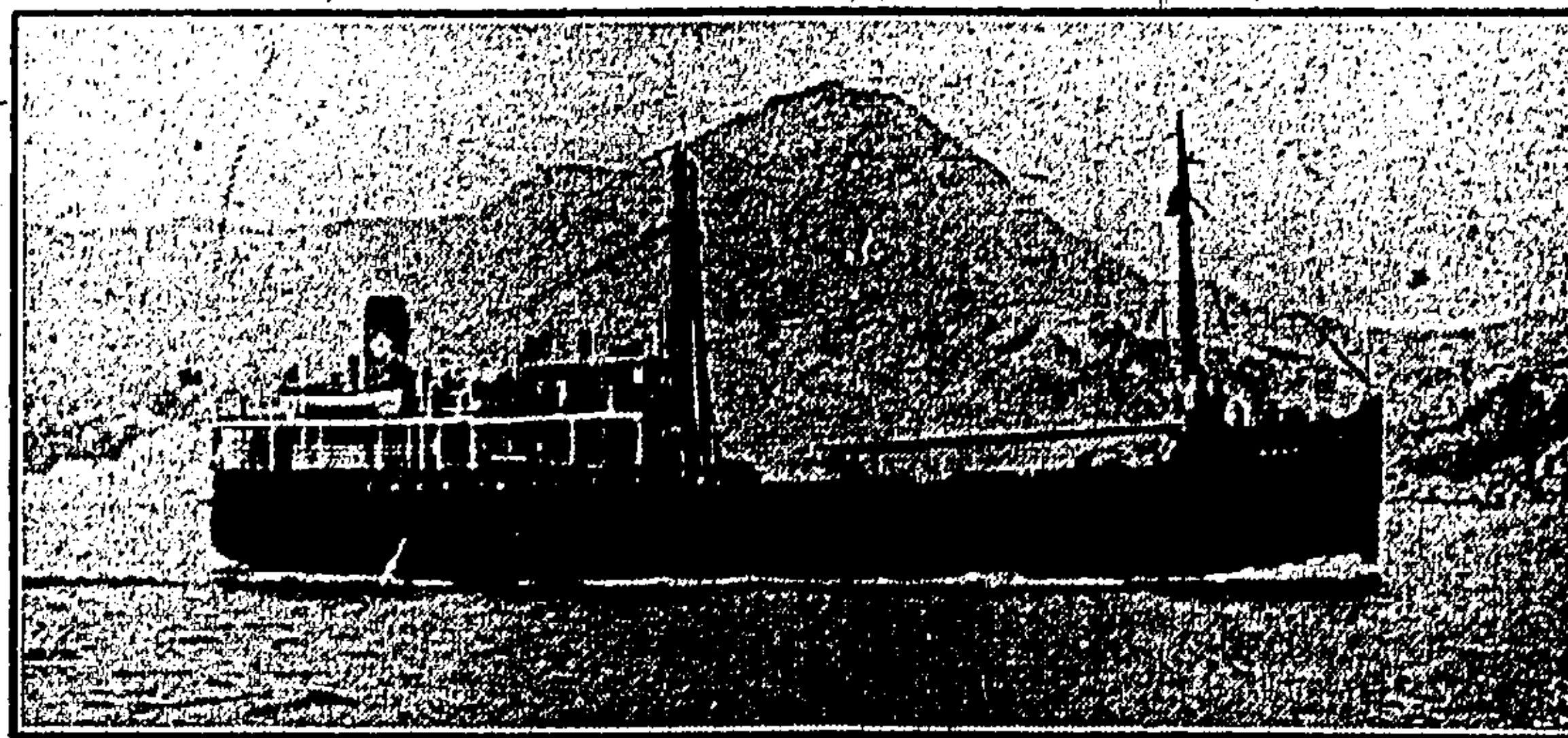
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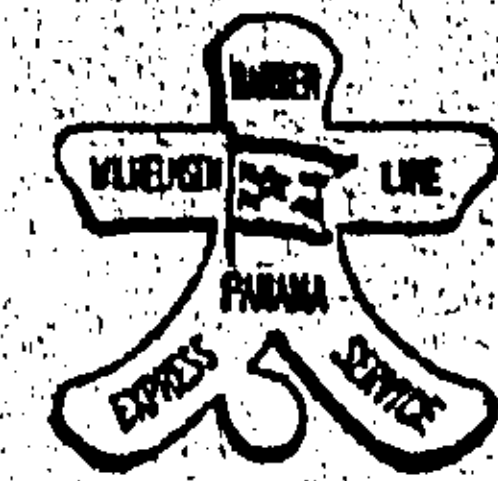
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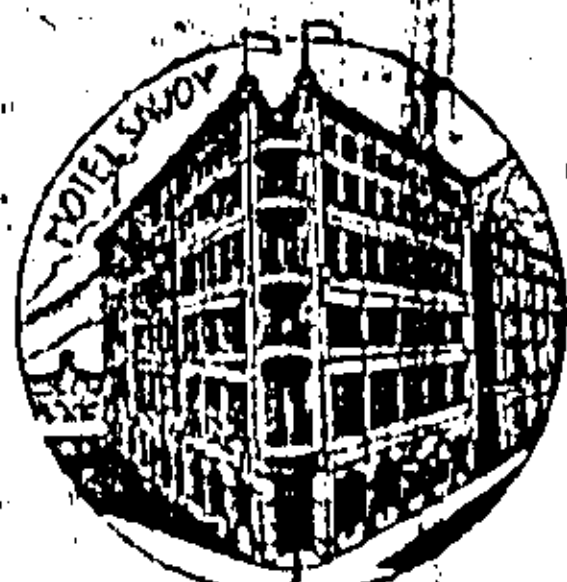
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The La Rioja, the last of three
large and powerfully-armed des-
troyer flotilla leaders ordered from
Messrs. John Samuel White and
Co., Limited, for the Argentine
Navy, left Cowes recently for
Buenos Aires. The first call will be
Lipson. The other two ships, Men-
doza and Juanman, sailed from
Cowes recently.

These destroyers were remarkably
successful on their official trials.

Mendoza attained a mean speed of
38.63 knots over the measured mile,
against the contract speed of 38
knots; Juanman, 38.64 knots, and
the La Rioja, the fastest of the trio,
accomplished 39.4 knots, which is
claimed to be a world's record for
a vessel of this type.

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TRouble OCCURS IN HAITI

MARTIAL LAW NOW PUT
INTO FORCE.

TEACHERS' STRIKE.

Washington, Dec. 5.
Martial law has been proclaimed
at Haiti, which is at present
occupied by American marines.

This step, it is officially believed,
is the outcome of a strike of
school-teachers, which has ap-
parently spread in other direc-
tions.

At present, it is not clear whe-
ther martial law is confined to the
capital, Port-au-Prince, or whe-
ther it extends throughout the
Republic.

It will be recalled that Presi-
dent Hoover, in his annual mes-
sage to Congress, foreshadowed
the appointment of a Commission
to study the situation, with a view
to the withdrawal of the marines.

The number of American
marines at present in Haiti is
seven hundred.—*Reuter's American
Service.*

[The Republic of Haiti occupies
the western portion of the island of
San Domingo, which is the second
largest of the West Indies group.
It has a population of over two
millions, of whom about 3,000
are white foreigners.]

Haiti attained its independence in
1803. Its history politically has
been one of constantly recurring
disturbances and bloodshed. From
1810 to 1915, it has no fewer than
seven different Presidents. The
President now in power is Louis
Borno, who assumed office for the
second time in 1926 and whose term
expires next year.]

NO INCIDENTS IN
POLISH DIET.

QUIET REIGNS AFTER THE
RECENT STORM.

ARMY AND POLITICS.

Warsaw, Dec. 5.

Despite the recent cleavages the
Diet opened this morning without
incident and proceeded on quiet
lines with the agenda which in-
cluded the Budget and the revision
of the Constitution.

The only reference made by the
Speaker, M. Daszinski, to the mili-
tary invasion of Parliament was
his expression of the conviction
that the army should keep aloof
from politics. The Dictator,
Marshal Pilsudski, was absent
from the Session.

Early last month, apparently
annoyed with certain Parliamen-
tary activities, he took 100 armed
officers to the Diet and overawed
the Deputies. The Speaker defied
him on that occasion, and refused
to open the proceedings until No-
vember 5.

A serious clash between the
Dictator and Parliament seemed
inevitable but the President in-
tervened and prevented a clash.
M. Moscicki sided with Pilsudski
and ordered an adjournment until
to-day, thus circumventing the
action of M. Daszinski who, in de-
fiance of Parliament convened the
Diet for November 5, taking pre-
cautions to avoid further military
intervention. The Deputies then
expressed the opinion that the
Dictator had hesitated to bring
matters to a head.—*Reuter.*

A BEAR IN POLICE
CHARGE-ROOM.

AN AMUSING INCIDENT IN
SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 6.

An amusing incident occurred
here when the charge-room ser-
geant at the Central Police Station
was startled on seeing a bear en-
ter, accompanied by a constable.

The constable humorously ex-
plained that the bear was not be-
ing charged with any offence, but
that the owner had been guilty of
cruelty by striking the animal
hefty blows with a long pole
whilst it was performing.

The owner was cautioned and
then let off.

The bear developed quite a
friendship for a Russian detective
and left the charge-room most re-
luctantly.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

YORK AND COVENTRY
THROUGH.

REPLAYS IN ENGLISH CUP
COMPETITION.

London, Dec. 5.

Two matches drawn in the first
round proper of the English Cup
competition last Saturday were
replayed to-day. York defeated
Tramere by the only goal of the
match and Coventry beating
Norwich by two goals to nil.—
Reuter.

RUTHLESS RAIDS IN KWANGSI.

CIVILIANS KILLED AND
INJURED.

PEOPLE INDIGNANT OVER THE
AERIAL BOMBING.

INNOCENTS SUFFER.

Information to hand to-day
from our correspondent at
Kweilin, in Kwangsi, discloses
that several civilians have suf-
fered death and terrible in-
juries as a result of the ruthless
aerial raids made on numbers of
towns in the vicinity.

In one instance, a boatman
who was enjoying a game of
mah jongg had his head blown
off by a bomb, whilst in another
case a woman washing clothes
on the banks of a river suffered
the loss of both hands.

Our correspondent states that
after a comparatively peaceful
change of officials and military, af-
fairs in Kweilin have again be-
come unsettled as the result of pro-
clamations and orders issued by
Generals Fung Yuk-cheung and Li
Chung-yen.

For some weeks previously, the
situation had been very uncertain,
with reports constantly coming
though regarding the return of
Generals Li Chung-yen and Wang
Shao-hung. Then the army that
had been sent towards Lungchow
suddenly returned to Nanning and
was despatched down the river.
This force did no actual fighting,
but it forced enemy troops to leave
the province by way of Annam,
after they had practically looted
Lungchow.

Five Killed.

There has been much aeroplane
activity at various points, says our
correspondent. On November
16th, a plane appeared over Kwei-
pink and dropped a number of
bombs, killing five people. On the
following day, a proclamation was
issued stating that General Li
Chung-yen had been appointed
leader of the 8th Army for the
"deliverance of the country," with
General Wang Shao-hung as sec-
ond in command.

The people had hardly realised
the significance of the change
when aeroplanes, believed to have
been sent from Canton, began to
attack the locality.

On November 18th, at about 11
a.m., a plane appeared over Kwei-
pink and dropped three bombs.

Terrible Results.

The first lighted on a pond and
did not explode, but another drop-
ped on the bank of the river and
exploded, blowing off the head of a
man who was playing *mah jongg* in
a boat about twenty feet away.
The others engaged in the game
were unhurt, whilst the boat itself
suffered practically no damage.

A woman who was washing
clothes on the bank a little way off
had both her hands blown off.

The third bomb dropped on to
a house near the centre of the city;
it completely wrecked the building,
but no-one was injured, as all the
occupants had previously dashed in-
to the street.

Handbills were dropped from the
planes, stating that the raids would

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under consideration but it
was difficult to promise that mea-
sures could be taken to prevent the
floods.—*Reuter and British Wire-
less.*

Ships Run to Shelter.

London, Dec. 5.

A violent south-westerly gale,
reaching in some places a velocity
of 80 miles an hour, swept over
Britain and the adjacent seas last
night, and continued this morning.

In the Channel and North Sea,
extremely heavy seas are running
and much of the shipping has made
for shelter where this is available.
Fishing trawlers reached Hull in
a battered condition, the crews de-
scribing the gale as being as bad
as any they had ever experienced.

No casualties so far have been
reported, but on land much minor
damage, such as uprooting of trees
and blowing down of walls, has oc-
curred; and near Bristol railway
traffic was impeded by a steel crane
having been blown down on to the
line. The gale was accompanied
by torrents of rain, which helped
to increase the already large flooded
areas, particularly in the Thames
Valley.—*British Wireless.*

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